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Banks must become key partners in Telangana's \$3 trillion economy goal : Bhatti

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the banking and financial sectors must become key partners in the State's goal of transforming Telangana into a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. He made it clear that this objective cannot be achieved through government expenditure alone and requires large-scale private investment, strong financial institutions, deeper financial markets and innovative financing mechanisms. The Deputy Chief Minister participated in and addressed the 50th State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) meeting held at Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Praja Bhavan on

Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Telangana Rising 2047 is not merely a vision document, but a development compact with the people of Telangana. To transform Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047, the banking sector must also undergo a transformation, he said. Bhatti Vikramarka stressed the need to formulate a future-oriented banking strategy in line with



the objectives of Telangana Rising 2047. The Deputy Chief Minister said that banks should not merely review how far they have achieved their assigned targets, but should periodically assess what development has resulted from the loans extended, how many industries have been established and how many jobs have been created. He said that the real measure of banking performance should be the extent to which agricultural productivity has increased, rural incomes have improved and private investment has been mobilised. Bhatti Vikramarka said that the rural and agricultural sectors are the foundation of Telangana's economy. Farmers should receive loans precisely when they need them, he said. Eligible farmers should not be forced to go around banks seeking credit. "Farmers should not have to search for banks for loans; the banking system itself should reach the farmers," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

Grievance redressal top priority of people's govt: Adluri

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : Redressal of public grievances and ensuring prompt relief to people remain the foremost priorities of the people's government, Minister for Scheduled Castes Development, Tribal Welfare, Persons with Disabilities (PwD), Senior Citizens and Transgender Welfare Adluri Lakshman Kumar said. Addressing the 'Prajalatho Mukhamukhi' (Face-to-Face with People) programme at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday, the Minister said the government was committed to taking governance closer to the people instead of making them run from pillar to post in government offices to get their grievances addressed. The programme witnessed an over-



whelming response, with people from different parts of the State turning up in large numbers and personally bringing their problems to the Minister's notice. The Minister received the representations and examined each grievance. He directed the concerned departments, officials and district administrations to examine the issues in accordance with the rules and take appropriate action.

Revanth attends CWC meeting chaired by Kharge

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy attended the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday, chaired by AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, along with the party's top leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. CWC members K.C. Venugopal, P. Chidambaram, Veerappa Moily, Ambika



Soni, Jairam Ramesh, Sachin Pilot, Damodar Rajanarsimha, Digvijaya Singh, N. Raghuvendra Reddy and Pallam Raju, along with the Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled States.



Minister Lokesh Strong Counters for Criticism of Data Centers in Visakhapatnam

Amaravati, Aug 19 : Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh gave a strong counter to the criticisms made by YSRCP leaders on Visakhapatnam data centers. Minister Lokesh gave this answer in the Assembly to the questions asked by Jana Sena MLA Nagamadhavi on data centers. He said that there is misinformation being spread about the water consumption of data centers. He emphasized that data centers are very crucial for the AI-based digital economy. He commented that other IT companies have increased their interest in Visakhapatnam with Google's investment. He revealed that if the data center ecosystem reaches 6.5 GW, about 3 TMC of water will be required per year. That water will not be diverted to data centers: Minister Lokesh said that the water consumption of data centers will be further reduced with new cooling technologies. He explained that the water for data centers comes from industrial allocations in Polavaram water.

Direct elections for Mayor and Municipal Chairperson offer numerous benefits: Narayana

Amaravati, Aug 19: Municipal Administration Minister Narayana said that there will be many benefits with the selection of the Mayor and Municipal Chairman through direct elections. He said that those who are directly selected in the elections will have strong public support. Speaking in the Assembly on Wednesday, he made it clear that the influence of councilors and corporators will not be on the Mayor and Municipal Chairman. He explained that both of them will have the opportunity to take quick decisions.



Massive irregularities in Group-1 exams during YCP regime: CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, Aug 19 : Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu alleged that massive irregularities took place in the conduct of APPSC Group-1 examinations during the tenure of the previous YCP government. Speaking in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Chandrababu noted that the APPSC was constituted under Article 315 of the Constitution. He stated that officers entering state services are selected through Group-1 examinations.



TN Government issues key orders to students not to participate in protests

Chennai, Aug 19 : TN Government has taken strict action to prevent students and youth from participating in political protests and agitations in Tamil Nadu. To this end, clear orders have been issued to the school education department, higher education department, police department and district administrations to take appropriate preventive measures in coordination. These official orders have been issued keeping in mind the programs being planned by the Left parties and the Tamil Nadu Cockroach Janata Party (CJP). The



Vijay government plans to prevent students from participating in any political protest programs.

YSRCP accuses TDP-led Andhra govt of suppressing opposition after ex-MP arrested

Amaravati, Aug 19 : A YSR Congress Party leader accused the TDP-led ruling coalition in Andhra Pradesh of suppressing the opposition after former MP Margani Bharat was arrested by police in Rajahmundry.



Land re-survey must be completed meticulously

Residents of the respective villages must be informed.
Tahsildars must conduct field-level inspections.
District Collector reviews land re-survey with Revenue and Survey & Land Records officials.

Rajanna Sircilla, Aug 19 :District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed that the land re-survey in the district be completed meticulously. On Wednesday, the District Collector, along with Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh and Survey & Land Records officials, held a review meeting at the Integrated District Offices

Complex regarding the land re-survey process and related matters. She provided comprehensive guidance to the Tahsildars on the re-survey process and various associated aspects. Officials informed the District Collector that, as part of the district-wide land re-survey, the process has already been completed in the following villages:

Srinivasapuram (Gambhiraopet Mandal), Lachapeta (Konaraopet Mandal), Chandragiri (Vemulawada Mandal), and Ananthapalli (Chandurthi Mandal). They stated that the survey has now commenced in ten additional villages. District Collector Garima Agrawal directed that records pertaining to the villages already sur-

veyed be handed over to the respective Mandal Tahsildars. She advised proceeding according to a plan to accelerate the re-survey process in the remaining villages. She further instructed that land details be collected accurately at the field level, daily targets be set, and the re-survey be conducted with complete transparency. Instructions were issued to convey information regarding specific survey numbers to the respective villages beforehand through GPOs, AEOs, and Panchayat Secretaries prior to conducting the village surveys. It was directed that Tahsildars should oversee the re-survey of village boundaries and other related tasks at the field level.



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POSSESSION NOTICE
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 17.08.2026

Borrower Name and Address
1. Subhashini Katpally, W/O:Laxmikanth Reddy, H.No:11-1-1950/5, Occ:Vasavi Digital Photo Studio,Gangasthan, Phase-I, Dist:Nizamabad, Pin Code:503001. 2. Katpally Laxmikanth Reddy, S/O:Janardhan Reddy, H.No:11-1-1950/5, Occ:Vasavi Digital Photo Studio,Gangasthan, Phase-I, Dist:Nizamabad, Pin Code:503001. 3.Kasolla Mohan, S/O:Sailu, H.No:3-7-80, Occ:Raghavendra Vedio Mixing, Ashok Weedi, Pedda Bazar, Near Hanuman Temple, Nizamababd, Pin Code:503001 Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 75,73,835/- (Seventy Five Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred And Thirty Five Rupees only)

Description of Property
NIZA2TF1512210003 - Description Of The Immovable Property (Property Holder Name Is Katpally Subhashini, W/O:K.Laxmikanth Reddy Mortgage Deed Dated 28.12.2015 Registered As Document No 7056/2015 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Medchal). Schedule Of "A" Immoveable Property All The Three Open Plot Bearing No's.15, 22 & 23, In All Measuring 1129 Sq.Yards Or 943.84 Sq.Mtrs., Out Of Sy.No.130 & 140, Situated At Devi Homes, Kompally Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.. Boundaries Towards East: 40 Feet Wide Road Towards West : 40 Feet Wide Road Towards North : Plot No.21 & 16 Towards South :40 Feet Wide Road. Schedule Of "B" Immoveable Property Flat No.305 In Third Floor Having The Plinth Area Of 1025 Sq.(Including Common Area And One Car Parking) Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 47.86 Sq.Yards Out Of 1129 Sq.Yards In Plot No.15, 22 & 23, In Sy.No.130 & 140 Of "Prithvi Vishnu Pride", Situated At Devi Homes, Kompally Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. Towards East: Open To Sky Towards West: Corridor Towards North : Open To Sky Towards South : Open To Sky
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable properties mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Date: 17-08-2026, Place: Kompally. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 18th Aug 2026

Borrower Name and Address
1. Mohd Mazher Sohail S/o. Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain, Aged About 29 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Mazher Traders, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. (Borrower (LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2) 2. Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain S/o. Mohammed Masher Ali, Aged About 58 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. IInd Add: H.No.1-4-87/72/4, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. IInd Also At Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain S/o. Mohammed Masher Ali, R/o. H.No. 1-4-548/7/A Old No. 1-4-548, Bholakpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (Co-Borrower No. 2 by name Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain was died intestate, so far his following surviving legal heirs i.e., Son and Daughters (I.e (a), (b), (c) and (d) are impleaded as a parties to the Notice) A) Asma Jabeen W/o. Saifuddin, Age: 36 Years, R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. IInd Add: H.No.1-4-87/72/4, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2) B) Nahida Jabeen W/o. Yousufuddin, Age: 35 Years, R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. IInd Address: H.No.1-4-87/72/4, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2) C) Afstf Mehreen W/o. Wajid Hussain, Age: 32 Years, R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. IInd Add: H.No.1-4-87/72/4, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2) D) Fariya Almas W/o. Abdul Qadeer Age: 28 Years, R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. IInd Address: H.No.1-4-87/72/4, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2) 3. Mehraj Begum W/o. Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain Aged About 47 Years, Occ: House Wife R/o. H.No. 1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -500080. IInd Add: H.No.1-4-87/72/4, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (Co-borrower/Guarantor No.2/LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2). 4. Mohd Azhar Sabil S/o. Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain Aged About 20 Years Occ: Student, R/o. H.No.1-4-27/71/43, Floor-I, Padmashali Colony, Kavadiyuda, Secunderabad -50008. IInd Add: H.No.1-4-27/71/43, Bholakpur, Indira Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (Co-borrower/Guarantor No.2/LEGAL HEIRS OF CO-BORROWER No.2) 5. Abdul Sayeed S/o. Abdul Rasheed Aged About 51 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o. H.No:1-4-548/7, Bholakpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020. (Co-borrower/Guarantor No.4) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 56,69,893/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Three only)

Description of Property
MALKATF2207200002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name Is Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain S/o. Mohammed Masher Ali Mortgage deed dated 20.07.2022 Registered as Document No 3441/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Chikidapally PROPERTY ON THE NAME OF Mohammed Jamsheed Hussain S/o. Mohammed Masher Ali All that the House bearing GHMC No.1-4-548/7/A, (PTIN No. 1150107833) portion of House bearing Municipal No. 1-4-548/7 (old No.1-4-548) admeasuring 102 Sq.yds., or equivalent to 85.27 sq.mts(out of 237 Sq.yards) constructed plinth area cellular parking 900 sq.ft., Ground Floor area in total constructed plinth area admeasuring 4050 sq.ft situated at Bholakpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad Telagana Bound by: North: Portion of H.No.1-4-548/7, South: Road, East : Neighbours House, West: Lane.
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Date: 18-08-2026, Place: Bholakpur. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Harish demands immediate resolution of licensed surveyors' grievances

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : A delegation of licensed surveyors on Wednesday met former minister and BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao at Telangana Bhavan and apprised him of their grievances. Harish Rao expressed solidarity with their concerns and demanded that the Telangana government immediately engage with the nearly 6,000 licensed surveyors across the State and resolve their long-pending issues. He strongly condemned the alleged remarks made by IAS officer Lokesh Kumar against young professionals who hold qualifications such as B.Tech, M.Tech and Civil Engineering degrees. He said it was highly irresponsible for a senior government official to speak in such a manner about educated youth who were seeking a solution to their genuine problems. He also condemned the alleged behaviour of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy towards the surveyors during their protest. “When surveyors went to put forward their grievances, attempting to assault them with whatever was at hand is a reflection of the arrogance and high-handedness of this Government,” he said. The BRS leader warned the Chief Minister and the Revenue Minister against underestimating the strength of the youth. He said that the 6,000 licensed surveyors represent not only themselves but also

6,000 families dependent on them. “The government should understand what could happen if 6,000 licensed surveyors and their families are pushed to the wall. Before the situation reaches that stage, the Chief Minister and the Revenue Minister should immediately call the surveyors for discussions and resolve their grievances,” he said.



Whatsapp boss impersonation scam: Cyber Police recover Rs.1 cr in 10 days

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police have arrested a 37-year-old man in connection with a Rs.1 crore "boss impersonation" cyber-fraud case, with the entire defrauded amount recovered and restored to the victim within 10 days.



CHANGE OF NAME
I AMALADASU DURGA BHAVANI (NEW NAME), W/o Ramesh previously called AMALADASU LAKSHMI (Old Name), Resident of Door No. 2-4-26/12B, Chepala market Amalapuram Town & Mandalam, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Channaseema Dist., Now Changed My Name from AMALADASU LAKSHMI (Old Name) To AMALADASU DURGA BHAVANI (New Name). Hence forth I will be called as AMALADASU DURGA BHAVANI (New Name) for all purpose.



Govt to restore YSR State Heritage Museum to former glory: Juppally

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : The Telangana government will take up comprehensive measures to restore the Dr. YSR State Heritage Museum and bring it back to its former glory, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Archaeology Juppally Krishna Rao said. Juppally Krishna Rao visited the museum at Public Gardens, Nampally, on Wednesday and inspected its various galleries and the rare archaeological and historical artefacts housed there. He reviewed the Bronze, Buddhist, sculpture, canons and painting galleries and sought details from officials about the exhibits and their condition.

Possession Notice
Whereas, IIFL-HFL under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/guarantor(s) to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IIFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30-11-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) arising out of the facilities advanced by IIFL-HFL, Bank to borrower/guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2025 - 015 for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Arcil now stands substituted in the place of IIFL-HFL and Arcil shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) for the financial facilities availed by them. The borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Arcil has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.

Name of the Borrower (s) (Co-Borrower(s))	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Mohan Kumar Pamarti (Prospect No IL10214511)	Flat No. 302, in Third Floor, El Shaddai Mansions, On Plot No. 71 And 6 Part, In Survey No. 750, 751, 827 & 752, At Sri Sai Ram Nagar Colony, Dharmapuri Colony, Uppal Kalan Village, Medchal - Malkigiri Dist, Telangana 500039 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 1075 Bounded By: North: Open To Sky South: 6-6 Wide Corridor East: 3-6 Balcony West: Open To Sky	Rs. 3243375.88/-Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred And Seventy Five & Eighty Eight Paise Only	06-01-2026	17-08-2026

The borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is in the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/guarantor(s) (mortgagor(s)) or any person whosoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Arcil and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Arcil for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.

Place: Hyderabad, Date: 20-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)
ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD. CIN No.-U65999MH2002PLC134884
Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028. Tel: +91 226581300. Website: www.arcil.co.in

BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate Office: Cerebrum It Park B2 Building, 5th Floor, Kalyani Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra - 411014, Branch Office: 2nd Floor, Sita City One, 7-1-22/2, Lelanagar, Greenland Road, Ameerpet, Near Begumpet Flyover, Hyderabad, 500016.
Authorized Officer's Details: Name: Shreeshaal Badiger, Email id: shreeshaal.badiger@bajajhousing.co.in, Mob No. 8073273577 / 9916551047.

APPENDIX IV -A [Rule 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of the security interest act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken over by the Authorized officer of the Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" for recovery of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd. as detailed below.

Details Of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor(S) And Loan Details	1.Date & Time of E-Auction, 2. Last Date of Submission of EMD, 3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD of the Property, 3. Bid Increment
LAN:- H400HLT0762156, H400HHL0368677 and H400HLT07367114, SR Sulochana Rani (Borrower) At 6-64/12 Shanthi Nagar Colony Nadargul Village, Balapur Mandal Balapur Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-501510. Outstanding dues of Rs.45,83,620/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only) as on 17/08/26 along with future interest and charges accrued w.e.f. 17/08/26.	1) E-Auction Date: 25/09/2026 Between 11:00 Am To 12:00 Pm With Unlimited Extension Of 5 Minutes, 2) Last Date Of Submission Of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) With Kyc is: 24/09/2026 Up To 5:00p.M. (Ist.) 3) Date Of Inspection: 20/08/2026 To 24/09/2026 Between 11:00 Am to 4:00 Pm (Ist).	1) Reserve Price For Immovable Property Rs.32,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Only), 2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) 10% Of Reserve Price, Bid Increment: Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) & In Such Multiples.

Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule: All That Place And Parcel Of The Non-Agricultural Property Described As: All That The House Bearing No.11-6-Na0002 (Assesment No.1177028215) Consisting Ground Floor And First Floor On Plot No.64, Admeasuring 123 Sq. Yards, Equivalent To 102.83 Sq.Mtrs., Having Plinth Area 1600 Sft., (Each Floor 800 Sft.) With Rcc Roof, In Survey Nos.670, 671 And 677 Part, Situated At Nadargul Village, Balapur Revenue Mandal, Under Badangpet Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Registration Sub District, Champapet And Bounded By:- North : Plot No.65; South : Plot No.63; East : Neighbour's Land; West : 25' Wide Road.
Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:
● The Secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve price. ● The Auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal. ● The e-Auction will take place through portal <https://bankauctions.in>, on 25/09/2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes each. ● For detailed terms and conditions please refer company website URL <https://www.bajajhousingfinance.in> and/or for any clarification please connect with Authorized officer.
Notice Date: 18/08/2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer (Shreeshaal Badiger) Bajaj Housing Finance Limited

Three Drug Peddlers held, MDMA & OG kush worth Rs.16.4 L seized in Cyberabad

Hyderabad, Aug.19 (NSS): Gachibowli Police and Special Operation Team (SOT) Cyberabad have arrested three alleged drug peddlers and seized 95.41 grams of MDMA and 50 grams of OG Kush, collectively valued at Rs.16.40 lakh. Sixteen consumers were also apprehended during the operation.

The arrests were made in connection with a case registered at Gachibowli Police Station under the NDPS Act.

Police first arrested Koripella Yashwanth Sai Shanmukh (26), near Kindom Pub Road, Vattinagulapally, on August 11, along with 16 consumers. During questioning, he allegedly disclosed that he had procured MDMA from Md Razal Abdul Gafoor (26) of Thrissur, Kerala, and Navina KD (22) of Bengaluru. Based on the information, police teams conducted operations in Kerala and Karnataka.

Razal was arrested at Thrissur on August 18. Police said he admitted supplying 44.41 grams of MDMA to Yashwanth and



claimed to have procured it from a Nigerian national identified as Sam. Navina was arrested the same day at Begur, Bengaluru. A search of her residence reportedly led to the seizure of 51 grams of MDMA and 50 grams of OG Kush.

Police said she disclosed that the drugs had been procured from a friend, Aneshwar, from Kerala. The seized property includes MDMA worth Rs.11.40 lakh, OG Kush worth Rs.5 lakh and two mobile phones.

The above arrests were made under the direct supervision of CH. Srinivas, DCP, Serilingampally Zone, Shobhan Kumar, DCP,

SOT Cyberabad, T. Govardhan, Addl. DCP-I, SOT Cyberabad, Uday Reddy, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Serilingampally Zone, G Venkata Ramana Goud, ACP, Narsingi Division, SOT Cyberabad teams & SHO, Gachibowli PS, DI Gachibowli and Gachibowli police personnel. Cyberabad Police appealed to citizens to report information about drug and ganja suppliers through Dial 100 or the Cyberabad Police WhatsApp number 8712663061. The police assured that the identity of informants would be kept confidential.

Konda Susmita's attack on CM Revanth Reddy triggers cong buzz

Warangal /Hyderabad, Aug.19 : A fresh political controversy has erupted within the Telangana Congress following sharp remarks by Konda Susmitha Patel, daughter of senior Congress leader and Minister Konda Surekha and former MLC Konda Murali, against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Addressing a gathering in Warangal, Susmitha questioned the Chief

Minister's treatment of leaders who supported the Congress and alleged that her family had been sidelined after the party came to power. She claimed that a promise to provide an MLC seat to Konda Murali had not been honoured and accused the Chief Minister of showing disregard towards BC leaders. She also took exception to the political promissance being given to Parkal MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy, alleging

that his electoral victory was largely due to the Konda family's support and political standing in the constituency. He strongly worded challenge, Susil, asked Revanth Reddy to resign and seek a fresh mandate if he had no confidence to face the electorate. He further alleged that long-time Congress workers were being sidelined while leaders who had joined other parties were being given prominence. Her remarks have triggered speculation within Congress circles.

Telangana team studies Philippines' migration policy for welfare of Gulf workers

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : The Telangana NRI Advisory Committee team on Wednesday visited the Indian Embassy in Manila, Philippines and held discussions with senior officials of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) on effective migration policies and the welfare of migrant workers.

The delegation discussed the Philippines' migration policy and studied its practices through a detailed PowerPoint presentation by Philippine officials. The team expressed its intention to examine the country's best practices and work towards developing a more effective migration



policy for the welfare of nearly 15 lakh Telangana workers employed in Gulf countries.

Government Whip Aadi Srinivas and Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhoopathi Reddy said the Telangana government would work towards adopting suitable practices from the Philippines to strengthen protection and welfare measures for Gulf workers, in line with the vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The delegation also held detailed discussions with Indian Ambassador to the Philippines Harsh Kumar Jain and First Secretary Nilesh Kumar Rai on issues concerning migrant workers.



Telangana govt giving major push to road infrastructure : Komatireddy

Hyderabad, Aug 19 : Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the Telangana government was investing heavily in road infrastructure which would boost industrial and business activity and create more employment opportunities for local youth.

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, along with Minister in-charge of erstwhile Karimnagar district Tummala Nageswara Rao, IT and Industries Minister Duddalla Sridhar Babu, Government Whip Chintakunta Vijaya Raman Rao, District Collector Koya Sri Harsha and Ramagundam MLA Makkanssingh Raj Thakur, laid the foundation stone for Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).



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POSSESSION NOTICE
(Rule 8(1)) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 09.06.2026 calling upon the borrowers Maruri Ramalinga, Maruri Samarsimha Reddy and Maruri Ramadevi to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.1,29,06,782.84 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Two and Eighty Four Paise only) plus unapplied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default plus expenses and other charges, plus un-applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default plus expenses and other charges.

The borrowers having failed to repay the total amount due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on 18.08.2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned.

The Borrowers attention is invited to the provision of sub-section 8 of sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as follows:

Property Details: Primary Security: All that part of Open Land in Survey No.201/2, measuring 332.17 Sq yards or 277.69 Sq Mtrs including common passage, (out of 683.33 Sq Yards), situated at Thokatta Village, Secunderabad Cantonment, Telangana State within the following Boundaries: **North:** Neighbours Compound Wall, **South:** GVR Gardens, **East:** Common Passage 25' Wide & Part of Land, **West :** Nala

CERSAI ID: 200084130054

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 18.08.2026

Sd/- Asst General Manager / Authorised Officer
Bank of Maharashtra

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Course	Intake	"B" Category Seats
MBA	300	90
MCA	240	72

Application forms can be obtained from college office on all working days between 9 am to 4pm. Last date for submission of filled in application form is 24.08.2026.

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Course	Intake	"B" Category Seats
MBA	300	90

Application forms can be obtained from college office on all working days between 9 am to 4pm. Last date for submission of filled in application form is 24.08.2026.

Sd/- Principal

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Uppariguda (V), Ibrahimpatnam (M), Ranga Reddy Dist.: 9666755732

MBA ADMISSIONS UNDER CATEGORY – B (2026-27)		
Course	Intake	"B" Category Seats
MBA	300	90

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Sd/- Principal

Vivek introduces					
‘Open Box’ initiative for Chennai public					
Hyderabad, Aug 19 : Minister for Employment, Training and Factories and Mines & Geology Dr G Vivek Venkataswamy on Wednesday launched an ‘Open Box’ initiative to address the problems and grievances of people in the Chennai Assembly constituency. An ‘Open Box’ has been set up to enable people to directly submit their complaints and requests. The Minister personally					
Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)					
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(14) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IFL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower or the public in general has any claims, charges or dues incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mrs. Sunitha Dasan R. Venkateswari Desai Sunitha Dairy Farm And Flour Mill (Prospect No IL10599612)	All that piece & parcel of Assessment No.729, Sy.No.255-1, Gottigundala Village, Kondapuram Mandal, SP&R Nelore District, Andhra Pradesh, Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Built Up Area, Property Area: 1539.592.00, 740.00 Bounded By: North: House Of D.Krishnaiah South: Road East: Road West: House Of M.Kondamma	Rs. 858,747/- Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred And Forty Seven Rupees Only	17-10-2026	17-08-2026	
Miss. Mariamma Chindhada Mr. Sambanthur Chindhada Dairy Labour Wages Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10446793)	All that piece & parcel of 180-5, Plot No 56, Yrs Jagannana Colony, Arkapala Village, Subbaravaram Mandalam, Arkapala, Near Ysr Colony, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, 513103, Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 640 Bounded By: North: Sy. No. 180-5 South: Road East: 55 West: Sy. No. 180-5	Rs. 31,122/-Rupees Three Lakh Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Six Rupees Only	09-03-2026	17-08-2026	
Mrs. Bangaru Sujatha Mr. Srinivas Bangaru Dairy Labour Work (Prospect No IL10536940)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No. 256, Survey No. 147 Chodavaram & 212/1 Annavaram, Chodavaram Village, Chodavaram Mandal, Polavaram, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: Sy. No.147, Chodavaram East: Plot No. 257 West: Road	Rs. 255,133/-Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred And Thirty Three Rupees Only	10-02-2026	17-08-2026	
Mr. Prakash Peluri Miss. Peluri Lakshmi Dairy Labour Work (Prospect No IL10544649)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No. 279, Survey No. 245 -2P,2E, 2F,2G, 2H,2I, 245/3, Narsaiahpetta Village, Chodavaram Mandal, Polavaram, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: 277 South: Road East: R & B Road West: Plot No. 280	Rs. 154,541/-Rupees One Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred And Forty One Rupees Only	10-02-2026	17-08-2026	
Mrs. Pathabanda Ademma Mr. Pathabanda Naryana Ademma Dairy Wage (Prospect No IL10657223)	All that piece & parcel of Sy No 343/3, Plot No 62, Chimmurthy, Chimmurthy, Chimmurthy, Near Church, Prakasham, Andhra Pradesh, India, 523226 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Property Area: 435 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 63 South: Plot No. 81 East: Road West: Plot No. 75	Rs. 157,224/-Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Four Rupees Only	09-03-2026	17-08-2026	
Mr.Venu Gopalaram Damarrapu Miss. Ankamma Damarravapur Ankamma Dairy Farm, Venugopalaram Electric & Farming Works (Prospect No IL10677168)	All that piece & parcel of D No 4-3a, Assessment No : 300 Sy No 328, Vemulapudi Village, S.N Padu Mandal, Prakasham District, Andhra Pradesh, 523273 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 195 Bounded By: North: Ranchu Road South: Peraka Kondiah Sir: East: Naga Nagiah Property West: Kunchala Thirupathivaram Property	Rs. 816,043/-Rupees Eight Lakh Sixteen Thousand And Forty Three Rupees And Ninety Cents Only	08-05-2026	17-08-2026	
Mr. Narayana Lakshmi Bapatla Mrs. Bapatla Anura Narayana Talyoring Work (Prospect No IL10701919)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No 64/Sy No 195/1, Peddakandankota, Kondepi Mandal, Prakasham Dist., AP 523270 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Road South: Peraka Kondiah Sir: East: Of Lakshmana East: Road House Of B.Nagamma West: House Of K. Krishnaiah	Rs. 301,403/-Rupees Three Lakh One Thousand Four Hundred And Three Rupees Only	08-05-2026	17-08-2026	
Mr. Sudhakar Boya Mr. Ranga Swamy Boya Mr. Boya Ramanna Mrs. Boya Rathamma Sudhakar Centrin (Prospect No IL10657390)	All that piece & parcel of 592, H No 13-69, 13, Chintakayyala Street, Patkonda, Theru Bazar, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518380 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Super, Built Up, Up Area Property Area: 594.10, 485.50 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No. 205 East: Plot No.207 West: Rastha East: Road House Of B.Nagamma West: House Of K. Krishnaiah	Rs. 60,902/-Rupees Six Lakh Nine Thousand And Twenty Three Rupees Only	09-01-2026	17-08-2026	
Mrs. Kattubadi Naji Munisra Mr. Shaik Mahabob Basha Kattubadi Naji Munisra Gounda Works (Prospect No IL10657564)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No.206, Sy. No. 275/1A, 275/B1, 292/1A, 292/1B, 292/2A, 292/3A, Sirivella Village, Sirivella Mandal, Rayachoti Road South, AP 518653 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Rastha South: Plot No. 205 East: Plot No.207 West: Rastha	Rs. 336,667/-Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred And Sixty Seven Rupees Only	05-01-2026	17-08-2026	
Mr. Bakka Udayash Bhasakar Mrs. Kondamma Bakka Udayashbakar Cool Drink Shop (Prospect No IL10657652)	All that piece & parcel of Sy No 124, Nagasamudram Grampanchayat, Kaligiri Mandal, Nellore Dist. Andhrapradesh-524224 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 171,500, 555,04, 470.00 Bounded By: North: House Of B.Nagamma South: Plot No. 205 East: Plot No.207 West: Rastha	Rs. 56,024/-Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Thousand Two Hundred And Forty Two Rupees Only	08-08-2026	17-08-2026	
Mrs. Laxmi Vadde Mr. Vadde Veeresh Lakmi Agriculture Farmer (Prospect No IL10657764)	All that piece & parcel of Sy No.1474, H No.213,21/1, 22/1, West, Pathikonda Mandal, Jutur Gram Panchayat, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518380 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Property Area: 1165 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No. 205 East: Plot No.207 West: Rastha	Rs. 383,942/-Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred And Forty Two Rupees Only	09-03-2026	17-08-2026	

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office: Sai Prem Centre 4th Floor Dwarakanagar 2nd Lane, Vishakhapatnam -530016/Sabala Temple, Satavaha Park Street, Gandhinagar, Centre, Pagothla, Nelore - 524002/ Plot No.6&7, TJ Complex, State Bank Main Branch Circle, Vijayawada -518004 or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Andhra Pradesh, Date: 20-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IFL Home Finance Ltd.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.					
Description of the Immovable Property Mortgage created on 19.01.2010 vide Doc No. 303/2010 and extension of MORT created on 24.08.2011 vide Doc No. 3579/2011 executed by Mr. S Malikarjun Rao, Mr. S Raj Kumar and Mr. S Nagesh 1) Mortgage of the property is Residential Flat No. 202 in Second Floor of "Priyanjali Nivas" H.No 11-13/302, Plot no 8& 8/A, S/o.No.222,225,253, 254, 256 & 257, Premlinganagar, P&T Colony, Gaddiananram Village, Saroonnarg Mandal, Under GHMC, Ranga Reddy District, TG standing in the name of Mr. S Malikarjun Rao, Mr. S Raj Kumar and Mr. S Nagesh and bounded by: North: Open to sky, South: Flat no 201 East: Corridor, West: Open to sky. 2) Mortgage of the property is Residential Flat No. 302 in Third floor of "Priyanjali Nivas" H.No 11-13/302, Plot no 8& 8/A, S/o.No.222,225,253,254,256 & 257, Premlinganagar, P&T Colony, Gaddiananram Village, Saroonnarg Mandal, Under GHMC, Ranga Reddy District, TG standing in the name of Mr. S. Malikarjun Rao, Mr. S Raj Kumar and Mr. S Nagesh and bounded by: North: Open to sky, South: Flat no 301 East: Corridor, West: Open to sky.					
Date: 18-08-2026 Place: Hyderabad		Authorised Officer Bank of Baroda			
CHANGE OF NAME Kondam Milky, D/o Kondam Sanjeev, (Old Name) H.No.2-4-125, Anathanagar, Sircilla Town, Rajanna Sircilla District, PIN Code: 505301, Telangana, changing My New Name as Kondam Nainika, D/o Kondam Sanjeev.		CHANGE OF NAME GOVIND BABU KOKKIRIPATI (Old Name), S/o. LATE ROSHAIAH K, R/o Door No. 24-28/1-38/29A, Punnaiah Colony, 3rd line, Gulabithota, Vijayawada-520003, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh, India. I have changed my name as GOVIND RAJU KOKKIRIPATI (New Name) S/o. LATE ROSHAIAH K. Hereafter my name is known as GOVIND RAJU KOKKIRIPATI (New Name) S/o. LATE ROSHAIAH K for all purposes.			
Possession Notice					
Whereas, I/FL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (1) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/co-borrower, guarantors, mortgagees to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, I/FL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30-11-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by I/FL-HFL, Bank to borrower/guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil Trust -2026 -015 for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Arcil now stands substituted in the place of I/FL-HFL and Arcil shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) for the financial facilities advanced by them. The borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagee(s) having any claims, amounts, dues or benefits due or payable to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Arcil has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on					
Name of the Borrower (s) Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice		
Mr. Taty Prabhakar Chary M/s Ravghendra Enterprises Ravghendra Steel Furniture M/s. Rani Thathoti (Prospect No 968693)	All that piece & parcel of: House No. 84/17/234/B, On Plot No. 234 Part, In Survey No. 14, T-153 & 156, in Group I, Farooqui Road, 1st Floor, Ward No. 8, Block No. 4, Sai Ram Nagar, At Karmanghat Village, Saroonnarg Mandal, GHMC, Ranga Reddy Dist, Telangana 500048 Area Admeasuring: 100 Sq. Feet. Property Type: Residential Built Up Area Property Area: 1500.00, 2402.00 Bounded By: North: Neighbours Open Plot South: Neighbors House East: 30 Feet Wide Road West: Neighbors House	Rs. 9064669.16/- Rupees Ninety Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred And Sixty Nine Rupees And Paise Only	05-01-2026		
Mr. Mudri Venkatesh Venkateshwara Canteen M/s. Savitha Mudri (Prospect No 110205615)	All that piece & parcel of:Municipal House No.2-3-7501/15/B/31 Situated At Tulasi Ram Vidyula, 14C, T-153 & 156, in Group I, Farooqui Road, 1st Floor, Ward No. 8, Block No. 4, Sai Ram Nagar, At Karmanghat Village, Saroonnarg Mandal, GHMC, Ranga Reddy Dist, Telangana 500048 Area Admeasuring: 100 Sq. Feet. Property Type: Residential Built Up Area Property Area: 547.00, 547.00 Bounded By: North: 18 Feet Wide Road South: Neighbors H.No.2-3-7501/15/B/31a East: Portion Of H.No.2-3-7501/15/B/31 West: H.No.2-3-7501/15/B/30	Rs. 364027.58/- Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Four Thousand And Twenty Seven Rupees And Paise Only	05-01-2026		
Mr. Raju Rajkumar Sai Balaji Medical Hall M/s. Swapna Kulkarni (Prospect No. I.10274853)	All that piece & parcel of Portion Of H.No.16-11/272, (Former Mid Portion Of The House), Moosarambagh, Hyderabad, Ts. 500013 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 300.00 Bounded By: North: 16 Feet Wide Road South: Neighbors H.No.16-11-27 East: Road And Portion Of H.No.16-11-27 West: Neighbors Property	Rs. 3728074.72/- Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy Two Paise Only	06-01-2026		
Mr. Harmed Shareef Mr. Mohd Munsif Sharaf M/s. Adela Begum (Prospect No I.10282007)	All that piece & parcel of Municipal House T.S.17-175/247/1 Situated At Nettru Nagar, Rang, Bazar, Hyderabad, Ts. 500023 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 900.00 Bounded By: North: 97 Feet Wide Road South: Neighbors House East: Neighbors H.No. 17-175/246 West: Neighbors House	Rs. 640929.82/- Rupees Six Lakh Forty Thousand Nine Hundred And Twenty Nine Rupees And Paise Only	02-01-2026		
Mr. Rajashekar Ravula M/s. Chaluri Krishnaveni (Prospect No. I.101517728)	All that piece & parcel of Sub-plot, Floor No. 8, D04, Sahabnagar Township Bandlaguda, Rs No 42 Sahabnagar Township, Annapur, Bandlaguda, Near, Nagole, Hyderabad, Telangana 500068 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Residential, Carpet Area Property Area: 100.00 Bounded By: North: As per the title Documents & Technical Reports: South: As per the title Documents & Technical Reports: East: As per the title Documents & Technical Reports: West: As per the title Documents & Technical Reports	Rs. 983920.22/- Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred And Twenty Two Paise Only	05-01-2026		
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and the same shall be subject to the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with the said Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Arcil and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Arcil for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the arrear amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) are directed to comply with the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.					
Place: Telangana Date: 20-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)					
ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD. C.IN No. 00-059988/MOZ02PLC134884 Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai -400028. Tel: +91 2266813000. Website: www.arcil.co.in					

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'Will be removed from world map for any misadventure': India hits back at Pak's IWT 'threat'

Leaders across the political spectrum on Friday strongly reacted to Islamabad's "threat" regarding the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), warning that Pakistan "will be removed from the world map if it attempts any misadventure". The reactions came after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif issued a "direct response" threat, saying that the country "won't compromise on water issue as it is the nation's red line".

India has maintained that the Indus Water Treaty will remain in abeyance until Pakistan completely stops cross-border terrorism.

Speaking to IANS on the matter, Union Minister Giriraj Singh said: "India works strictly in its own national interest. Whatever power there may be in the world...what stature does Pakistan even have? We work in our own interest and we defend our interests resolutely."

Criticising Pakistan, BJP National Spokesperson R.P. Singh said: "Shehbaz Sharif may have forgotten the state that Pakistan was reduced to during Operation Sindoor last year, the way their (terror) infrastructures and airports were destroyed. If they attempt any misadventure, Pakistan will get removed from the world map forever."

Echoing similar view, Congress MP Tariq Anwar said: "There is a reason why India has kept the IWT in abeyance. The way terrorist activities are being conducted on part of Pakistan and given the recent attacks in Kashmir which claimed the lives of innocents, it is very difficult for India to maintain relations with Pakistan."

Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh said: "Recently in 'Operation Sindoor', you must have seen how our Indian Armed Forces showed them every kind of line — red, yellow, blue." "Therefore, India should not seriously consider anything that Pakistan says. India possesses the capability to give a befitting reply to everything they do with a thousand times greater force. On this matter, the entire nation stands firmly with the Government of India and with the Indian Armed Forces," he told IANS. Recently, India's Ambassador to the US, Vinay Kwatra, has said that the IWT was signed in a spirit of goodwill and friendship in 1960, but Pakistan spent 50 years dismantling this, and its abeyance "merely acknowledges what Pakistan's conduct had already destroyed".

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ED arrests Shivam Associates' Shivanand Neelannavar in Rs 2,110 crore Ponzi-style scheme case

Mangaluru, Aug 19 : The Directorate of Enforcement, Mangaluru Sub-Zonal Office, has arrested Shivanand Siddappa Neelannavar in connection with a multi-state and multi-crore Ponzi-style scheme operated by Shivam Associate, an ED statement said on Wednesday. Neelannavar was arrested on August 13 under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. He was produced before the Special Court (PMLA), Mangaluru, which remanded him to ED custody for 12 days, until August 24. According to the ED, Neelannavar was the "whole and sole" person managing the fund flow of Shivam As-

sociates and was the majority partner exercising primary control over the firm. The ED's investigation was initiated based on an FIR registered by the Malamaruthi Police Station in Belagavi City under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019, and the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004. The FIR alleged that members of the public were induced to invest their money by promising them abnormally high and assured returns. During its investigation under the PMLA, the ED said it uncovered an organised, multi-state Ponzi-style operation allegedly run by Shivam Associates. According to the agency, the firm mobilised Rs 2,110.97 crore from public inves-



tors by allegedly promising monthly returns of 3 per cent. The scheme, according to the ED, used a digital mapping system and an extensive referral network spread across Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa and Chhattisgarh to attract investors. Independent advisers were allegedly paid referral commissions of 0.5 per cent to bring in new investors. The investigation further revealed that the firm had suffered severe and compounding losses in the stock market since 2019. The ED alleged that, in an attempt to conceal the losses and maintain market goodwill, funds collected as fresh principal deposits from

subsequent investors were diverted towards meeting interest obligations to earlier investors. The agency also alleged that liquid funds were layered and integrated through various personal accounts, family members and allied entities, including Shivam Sevaa (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. and Shivam Productions.

According to the ED, the allegedly diverted funds were used to purchase luxury vehicles, construct high-value bungalows, acquire properties in the names of nominal partners and fund movie productions. The agency has identified the allegedly misappropriated funds as "proceeds of crime" under the PMLA. The ED said further investigation is underway to trace the remaining liabilities and establish the complete flow of funds.



France confirms, isolates five possible contacts of Ebola patient

Paris, Aug 19 : France has identified and isolated five people who may have been exposed to Ebola after sharing a flight with a doctor who tested positive for the virus.

French Health Minister Stephanie Rist said on Wednesday (local time) that the doctor had worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo before returning to France.

According to the minister, the patient is an "experienced doctor returning from a mission" who did not know he had contracted the virus. "He had no symptoms when he boarded the plane, and he was not contagious (...)" As he is a doctor and developed headaches on the plane, he raised the alert" so that he could be taken care of upon arrival in Paris.

The man was placed in isolation at the hospital as soon as his flight landed. He will remain there "for 21 days, the duration of the incubation period," she added.

US calls India 'critical power' after PACOM shift

Washington, Aug 19 : The United States sees India as a "critical power" and wants a stronger partnership with New Delhi, a senior Pentagon official has said, rejecting suggestions that restoring the name Pacific Command signals diminished US attention to India or the Indian Ocean. Under Secretary of War for Policy, Elbridge A. Colby, said the change from INDOPACOM to PACOM reflected Washington's military focus on the Western Pacific and the first island chain.

The US did not downgrade India's strategic importance, he added. "This is not in any way a sort of denigration of the importance of the Indian Ocean area or of India itself," Colby told an on-the-record virtual briefing organised by the State Department's Asia Pacific Media Hub. He cited his March visit to India and visits by other senior US administration officials as evidence of continuing engagement.

"We really see India as a critical power, and the Indian Ocean, of course, is very important," he said. "There are multiple important relationships we have there." He said that the United States viewed India as a vital relationship with the potential for a natural partnership, even though the two countries would not always agree.

"If anything, we really see India as a vital relationship where there's a natural partnership," Colby said. "Let's look where our interests align. We're going to have areas where we don't always agree. But we're looking for a stronger India."



Colby said the revised command name was linked to US strategic priorities set out in its national security and defence strategies.

"The strategic focus of the United States military is really -- and consistent with the National Security Strategy, the National Defense Strategy -- is on the first island chain," he added. "So the Pacific element to that is really the focus, the Western Pacific area, obviously stretching into Southeast Asia here," he said.

The first island chain is commonly understood as the arc running from Japan through Taiwan and the Philippines towards parts of Southeast Asia. It is central to US defence planning in the Western Pacific. Colby also noted that terms used to describe the wider region do not always carry identical geographical meanings.

India sends first tranche of relief supplies to earthquake-hit Colombia

New Delhi, Aug 19 : India on Wednesday sent the first tranche of 20 metric tonnes of relief supplies to Colombia to support recovery efforts following the devastating earthquake that rocked the country earlier this week. External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar expressed India's solidarity with the people of Colombia during these difficult times. "Dispatched the first tranche of the 20 MT relief supplies to Colombia to support ongoing post-earthquake recovery efforts. The assistance includes medicines and medical equipment, temporary shelter and hygiene support, and other essential items needed in the aftermath of the disaster. India stands in solidarity with the people of Colombia during these difficult times," EAM Jaishankar posted on X. The assistance underscores India's role as a first responder during global natural disasters. India sent the assis-



tance after an earthquake of magnitude 7.3 struck Colombia on Monday, claiming the lives of 281 people, injuring 3,971 people, while 391 remain missing. The earthquake had struck Western Colombia at 7:34 am (local time), according to the Colombian Geological Service. The epicentre of the earthquake was near San Jose del Palmar and occurred at a depth of 96 kilometres. As many as 44,936 families and 102,105 people in 15 departments and 426 municipalities have been impacted by the earthquake in Colombia, the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management said.

Korean American lawmakers stress commitment to deepening partnerships with Seoul

Washington, Aug 19 : Two Korean American lawmakers have highlighted their commitment to strengthening economic and other partnerships with South Korea, as Seoul and Washington seek to deepen cooperation on shipbuilding, trade and security, to name a few.

Sen. Andy Kim (D-NJ) and Rep. Young Kim (R-CA) participated in an event hosted by the Korean American Grassroots Conference, a network of Korean American voters, in Washington on Wednesday (Local time) to honour prominent members of the Korean American community.



Microfinance case back in spotlight, SNDP Yogam chief Natesan likely to feel the heat

Kochi, Aug 19 : The long-running microfinance case involving SNDP Yogam General Secretary Vellappally Natesan is back in the spotlight, with the Kerala High Court questioning the delay in filing charge sheets and the investigating officer admitting that prosecution has so far not filed any in any of the cases. The development assumes added political significance as the case originated from a complaint by former Chief Minister V.S. Achuthanandan, who died last year, and remained under investigation through the decade-long tenure of the previous LDF government. Appearing personally before the High Court, investigating officer S.P. Sashidharan said the involvement of the accused had been established in eight cases. Investigations in the Pulpally and Ranni cases had been completed, but charge sheets could not be filed as the investigating agency was awaiting government sanction to prosecute the accused. The High Court has now directed the Additional Chief Secretary of the Backward Classes Development Department to consider the pending prosecution-sanction applications in September itself. The investigating officer told the court that charge sheets would be filed once the sanction was obtained. The case dates back to 2016, when Achuthanandan complained of alleged financial irregularities in a microfinance scheme associated with the SNDP Yogam, the powerful social organisation of the Hindu Ezhava community. He had alleged that about Rs 15 crore was misappropriated through financial irregularities and conspiracy involving loans obtained from the Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation in the names of women. The case had remained politically sensitive during the years



of the previous government, particularly against the backdrop of the widely discussed political proximity between former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Natesan. Their relationship had often figured in political debates, while differences between Vijayan and Achuthanandan had been a long-standing subject of discussion within the CPI-M. The CPI-M's post-election review of the LDF's 2026 electoral setback had also referred to the political costs of the perception surrounding Vijayan's proximity to Natesan. With Congress's V.D. Satheesan heading the new government, the political equation has changed considerably. Satheesan and Natesan have not shared the political rapport associated with the previous dispensation. Against this backdrop, the High Court's intervention and the government's pending decision on prosecution sanction have given the decade-old case a fresh lease of life.



AQIS quietly expands terror network, eyes India's Northeast

New Delhi, Aug 19 : Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), a regional affiliate of Al-Qaeda, transitioned from a fragmented entity into a structured regional network, leveraging online propaganda and proxy outfits to expand its reach across India and neighboring countries, according to a recent United Nations Security Council (UNSC) report. The AQIS was formed in 2014 with the primary objective of establishing a strong base, with its major focus on India. However, the outfit failed to expand its operations as initially intended and has not carried out a major strike since its inception. The latest report by the UNSC, however, states that AQIS has evolved from a fragmented and weakened outfit into a more structured regional terrorist network. Indian intelligence officials say the strategy of lying low has worked in AQIS's favour. "The terror outfit remained off the radar for several years, while the

focus of major agencies was on groups such as the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP), Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. The ISKP, which is a rival of AQIS, has, however, stepped up its operations. Pakistan's engagement with the group to counter the Taliban and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has also breathed new life into the outfit," the officials said. AQIS, meanwhile, focused heavily on its online activities. While its ground-level operations failed to take off, its online propaganda continued uninterrupted. The outfit created proxies such as the Base Movement in South India, Ansar Ghazwatul-Hind (AGuH) and Ittehad-ul-Mujahideen (IuM). The activities of these groups also remained low-key, with their focus restricted to specific targets and issues. For instance, the Base Movement targeted politicians.

Seven rescued, 17 bodies recovered after migrant boat breaks down off Libya

Tripoli, Aug 19 : Seven people were rescued and 17 bodies recovered after a boat broke down off Libya's eastern coast, the Libyan Red Crescent said. In a statement, the organisation said the operation was carried out by a patrol vessel from the naval base in the city of Tobruk, after those on board had been stranded at sea for eight days in harsh conditions. The rescue, conducted in coordination with naval units and the Coast Guard in eastern Libya, lasted more than eight hours, the statement said. Libya remains a major transit hub for irregular migrants due to its proximity to Europe and its long Mediterranean coastline. Crossings typically increase between March and September, when calmer weather improves the chances of reaching the northern shore, Xinhua news agency reported. The Red Crescent said in a statement that the volunteers in cooperation with naval forces and coast guards of the Libyan National Army rescued.



NATO fighter jets shoot down drone that entered Latvian airspace

Riga, Aug 19 : Fighter jets from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Baltic Air Policing mission shot down a "foreign drone" that entered Latvian airspace on Wednesday, a report said. The Latvian armed forces said the drone entered Latvia's airspace due to "Russian electromagnetic warfare" and that it was detected over the Baltic nation's Balvi, Euro News reported. They said that additional air defence units have been deployed at the country's eastern borders and will continue to keep watch on its airspace. "As long as Russia's aggression in Ukraine continues, a recurrence of cases where foreign drones enter or approach Latvian

airspace is possible," the armed forces said. Airspace threats were identified in Preili, Rezekne, Balvi, Augsdaugava, and Aluksne areas, but these have since ended, Euro News reported. The latest drone interception in Latvia comes after several such incidents have been reported in NATO airspace. Last month, Romanian Air Force pilots shot down a third drone that entered Romanian airspace without authorisation. According to the Ministry of National Defence of Romania, the drone was safely shot down 12 km northeast of Sulina, within Romania's territorial waters. Romanian President Nicusor Dan congratulated the pilots for their work and called Russia's actions "inadmissible and intolerable" for

violating Romania's airspace. According to the investigation conducted by the General Prosecutor's Office, the drone shot down was of the Shahed type, used by Russia against Ukraine. Investigations into the drones shot down later are ongoing. "Romania's diplomatic protest against the Russian Federation will be based on these investigations," Dan noted. "It is inadmissible and intolerable for the Russian Federation to continue violating Romania's airspace, which is, at the same time, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) airspace and European Union airspace. Such actions are unacceptable, and we treat them with the utmost seriousness, alongside our allies," he stressed.



At least six dead as torrential rains trigger widespread flooding in Japan

Tokyo, Aug 19 : At least six people have died after torrential rains lashed eastern Japan from Wednesday into early Friday, triggering widespread flooding, local media reported. Japan's weather agency issued its highest Level 5 heavy rain

warning for more than one-third of the municipalities in Chiba Prefecture, near Tokyo, as authorities remained on alert amid worsening weather conditions. A man seen on a submerged road in Ichikawa was confirmed dead. A woman (66) died after she was trapped in a car on a flooded road in Sakura, the prefectural government said.

Drone strikes on Port Sudan area threaten humanitarian hub operations: UN

United Nations, Aug 19 : Intensifying drone attacks in the Port Sudan area -- the UN humanitarian aid hub for Sudan -- are increasing threats to aid delivery, a UN spokesman said.

"Our humanitarian colleagues said they're deeply concerned by the intensifying drone attacks on civilian infrastructure in Port Sudan.



China's coercion in Europe alarms US panel

Washington, Aug 19 : US lawmakers, foreign leaders, and experts have warned that China is expanding its influence in Europe. They said Beijing uses investment, pressure, and covert tactics, and urged closer US-Europe coordination on technology, supply chains, and security. At a hearing on "China's increasing infiltration in Europe" on Wednesday (local time), Congressman Jake Ellzey said Europe must focus on more than Russia. He said the region also faces "the threat of Russia's war as well as the persistent threat posed by China's pursuit of hegemony." Ellzey said Beijing is using "a suite of overt and covert tools" in Europe. He said China is building "beachheads to manipulate the continent." Lithuania's vice foreign minister, Vidmantas Verbickas, described Beijing's pressure campaign against his country. He said Lithuania withdrew from China's "17 plus one format" in 2021. He said Vilnius also permitted "the establishment of a Taiwanese Representative office in Vilnius." He said China responded with what he called coercion. "Lithuania as a country miraculously disappeared from China's customs systems." He said that export permits were delayed or denied, and that pressure grew on multinational firms. "The impact was immediate," Verbickas said. "In the first months, Lithuanian origin exports to China fell by 99.7 per cent essentially to zero." He said it was not a trade fight. "This was not a commercial dispute," he said. "It was a politically motivated pressure designed to change a sovereign policy decision." Senator Ruben Gallego warned about technology gaps. He said the West was "slow to respond" on 5G. He said Europe now has infrastructure that "still relies on Chinese vendors." He said the next risk is "six G." Audrye Wong, a nonresident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, said China's goals include "to bolster friends and silence critics of the Chi-



nese Communist Party." She said Beijing also seeks "to undermine transatlantic cooperation and European unity through a divide and conquer strategy." Wong said China uses "both coercion and inducements." She cited "weaponising supply chains." She said Beijing also tries "to buy support through corrupt investments through bribery, through other covert influence tactics." She said China targets many arenas. She said it works across "diplomatic and government realms, business realms, public realms." She said it mixes "economic information propaganda." Wong said the effort can corrode democracies. She said China can make "a dizzying multitude of influence attempts" and then "play a waiting game." She called it "not just a national security threat." She said it "corrodes the legitimate functioning of free and open societies." Valbona Zeneli, a nonresident senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, said Europe has changed course on China.

15 months of zero border releases: Trump administration

Washington, Aug 19 : The Trump administration on Wednesday reported a 15th consecutive month without releases of undocumented migrants at the US border, citing tighter enforcement and historically low crossings. The Department of Homeland Security and US Customs and Border Protection said Border Patrol agents apprehended 9,295 people along the southwest border in July. That was 6 per cent fewer than in June. Nationwide, Border Patrol apprehensions fell 1 per cent from the previous month to 11,298, the agencies said. "Again this month, the results are clear: President Trump's border security agenda is restoring order.



USDA spotlights India, China in farm trade strategy

Washington, Aug 19 :US farm trade strategy increasingly centres on major markets such as India and China, the Agriculture Department's top trade official told lawmakers, highlighting new export opportunities even as legislators clashed over tariffs, food aid policy, and the

country's widening agricultural trade deficit. Appearing before the House Appropriations subcommittee overseeing agriculture funding on Wednesday (local time), Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Luke Lindberg said the administration is pursuing an "America first approach to trade, aimed at restoring US agricultural competitiveness abroad.





Arunachal Guv reviews law and order situation, seeks probe into NERIST incident

Itanagar, Aug 19 : Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen K.T. Parnaik (Retd) on Wednesday held detailed discussions with State Home Minister Mama Natung on the prevailing law and order situation in the state, with particular focus on the recent developments at the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST). A Raj Bhavan official said the Home Minister called on the Governor at Raj Bhavan, where the two leaders reviewed the overall law and order situation in Arunachal

Pradesh and discussed in detail the recent incident at NERIST, located at Nirjuli near Itanagar. Expressing deep concern over the unfortunate developments, the Governor said NERIST, one of the premier technical and higher educational institutions in the Northeastern region, had been subjected to an incident that has raised serious concerns about the institution's functioning and environment. He emphasised that educational institutions must remain safe, secure and conducive to learning, and underscored the responsibility of all stakeholders to protect the sanctity, dignity and reputation of educational establishments across the state. While expressing his anguish over the developments, Lt Gen Parnaik called for an impartial inquiry into the allegations of rowdiness, threats, coercion and intimidation faced by the Director of NERIST from certain groups.



17-day UPST agitation ends in Kerala after Satheesan gov't's assurances

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 19 : The 17-day agitation by the Upper Primary School Teacher (UPST) Rank Holders Association in front of the Secretariat was called off on Wednesday following assurances from General Education Minister N. Shamsudeen that the protesters' key demands would be examined and favourable decisions taken wherever possible. The decision came after a crucial meeting between the Minister and representatives of the rank holders. The protesters had been demanding an end to the PSC practice of issuing fresh notifications without adequately reporting existing vacancies, arguing that this was reducing the chances of candidates already included in the rank list. The Minister assured the association that its demand to stop issuing notifications without reporting vacancies would be considered sympathetically. He also promised to examine the demand for extending the validity of the existing rank list so that more candidates could secure appointments before it expires.

Maha govt to review stalled Mumbai redevelopment projects, assures Minister

Mumbai, Aug 19 : Maharashtra Minister for Tourism Shambhuraj Desai, who was deputed for the Housing Department during the Winter Session, on Wednesday said that the state government will review the redevelopment projects of old buildings in Mumbai, which have been stalled for 5 to 10 years.

If necessary, action will be taken against the developers to speed up these projects, he added.

He was replying to a calling attention motion moved by Shiv Sena-UBT legislator Ajay Chaudhary in the Assembly.



Rajasthan: BJP MP & MLA training focuses on ideological clarity & development strategies

Jaipur, Aug 19 : The second day of the three-day training camp of BJP MLAs and MPs in Gujarat's Kevadia, focused on ideological clarity & development strategies on Wednesday.



WTO must adapt as global trade shifts from protectionism to precautionism: Pascal Lamy

New Delhi, Aug 19 : Former World Trade Organisation (WTO) Director-General Pascal Lamy has highlighted structural shifts reshaping global trade, underscoring that many of today's trade issues extend beyond the WTO's traditional mandate and require reform of both its rulebook and governance structures. Delivering the keynote address at a high-level dialogue here, jointly organised by the Chintan Research Foundation (CRF) and CUTS International at the India International Centre (ICC), Lamy emphasised that traditional protectionism is giving way to "precautionism," driven by rising regulatory standards and risk management concerns across countries. He also highlighted growing macroeconomic imbalances and regulatory fragmentation as key challenges, at the roundtable, titled "MC14 Outcomes and the Future of the Multilateral Trading System", in the national capital.

Opening the discussion, Pradeep S. Mehta, Founder Secretary General, CUTS International, described MC14 as a moment of "disappointment without disruption." While no major breakdown occurred, he noted that the absence of clear outcomes has intensified questions about the WTO's relevance. Mehta highlighted that the system has historically enabled stability, job creation, and development, particularly in developing countries, and that it must now adapt through more flexible approaches.



MP: Congress leader alleges irregularities in Regional Transport Office

Bhopal, Aug 19 : Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Arun Yadav, on Wednesday, alleged that irregularities are persistent in the Madhya Pradesh Transport Department despite the BJP government's claim of having reformed the system. Yadav shared a video on his social media platform X, which shows the Regional Transport Office department barricaded at a checkpoint and carrying out inspection of trucks and other loaded vehicles in Shivpuri district. The Congress leader claimed that the RTO department was collecting illegal fine from truck drivers and other vehicles, despite the state government has abolished all checkpoints in the state.

India plans 62 vessels with Rs 51,383 crore investment in FY27: Minister

New Delhi, Aug 19 : India is advancing a roadmap to add 62 vessels in FY2026-27 backed by a investment of Rs 51,383 crore, creating an additional 2.85 million gross tonnage (GT) capacity, according to the government.

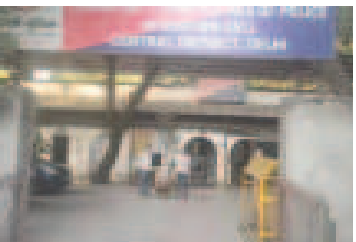
In a push towards self-reliance in the maritime sector, a high-level inter-ministerial review meeting on the Strait of Hormuz situation piv-

oted to accelerating India's shipping capabilities, with a renewed focus on building a robust, future-ready maritime ecosystem. Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, called for urgent expansion of India's shipping capacity, including container vessels, LPG and



crude carriers, and green tugs, to ensure resilience against external disruptions. The minister also reviewed cargo flows, vessel movements and operational preparedness across key maritime segments.

Delhi: Habitual snatcher nabbed in swift operation, stolen iPhone recovered



New Delhi, Aug 19 : In a major breakthrough, the Special Staff of Central District Police in New Delhi has apprehended a desperate and habitual snatcher and recovered a high-end stolen mobile phone, successfully working out a recent snatching case registered at Ranjit Nagar police station.

The accused, identified as Rahul alias Ganja alias Nagender (34), a resident of Raghubir Nagar, was arrested following a well-coordinated operation based on secret inputs and sustained surveillance. According to police officials, specific information was received about the movement of a known offender involved in multiple snatching and theft cases, who was likely to visit the area near New Delhi Railway Station. Acting promptly on the input, a dedicated team was formed under the leadership of Inspector Rohit Kumar, incharge of Special Staff, Central District. The team included Head Constables Munesh Sharma, Rohitash, Praveen, and Constable Surajpal, working under the overall supervision of ACP Operations Padam Singh Rana.



Launch campaign to inform people about SC/ST schemes: Delhi Minister to officials

New Delhi, Aug 19 : Delhi Minister for Social and SC/ST Welfare Ravinder Indraj Singh on Wednesday instructed officials to launch an awareness campaign to inform people from the marginalised sections of society about government schemes. During a meeting, Ravinder Indraj reviewed the progress of the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Inter-caste Marriage Incentive Scheme, and issued important directives.

TN targets full literacy with new drive to educate four lakh adults

Chennai, Aug 19 : The Tamil Nadu School Education Department is set to roll out an ambitious literacy initiative for 2026-27, aiming to educate more than four lakh non-literate adults and move the state closer to achieving full literacy. The programme, part of the New India Literacy Programme (NILP), will focus on individuals aged 15 years and above who lack basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills. Officials said the initiative is designed not only to impart foundational education but also to equip learners with essential life skills for everyday functioning. To implement the programme, learners' literacy centres will be established in schools and commu-

nity spaces across the state. More than 17,000 volunteers are expected to support the effort, with participation drawn from schools, colleges, and non-governmental organisations. A comprehensive survey will be conducted to identify beneficiaries. Authorities have been instructed to utilise existing data sources, including school-level census records, primary health centre databases, anganwadi records, and MGNREGA registers. Coordination between headmasters of government and aided schools.



Staying true to values is key in defining moments: Gautam Adani

Ahmedabad, Aug 19 : Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani on Wednesday said that staying true to one's values, beliefs, and convictions is among the most important things to do during defining moments.

In his Independence Day address, the Adani Group Chairman reflected on trust, sacri-

fice, and the responsibility that comes with India's freedom. "There are times when the most important thing you can do is stay true to what you know, what you value and what you believe in," he stressed.

Reflecting on the significance of August 15, Gautam Adani said Independence Day is not merely a day of celebration for him but

also a day of gratitude. He said the journey of major transformation requires sacrifice and patience.

"That is why August 15th is not merely a day of celebration for me; it is also a day of grati-



tude. And perhaps this gratitude teaches us another profound lesson of life: that no major transformation occurs without sacrifice, nor without patience," the billionaire industrialist said.

4 criminal cases, several tax disputes pending against Shiprocket and its subsidiaries, shows DRHP

New Delhi, Aug 19 : IPO-bound Shiprocket has disclosed multiple pending criminal and tax-related proceedings involving the company and its subsidiaries in its offer documents.

Legal proceedings disclosed by the company could also attract investor attention. Shiprocket is involved in four criminal cases with claims amounting to Rs 5.39 crore, along with two criminal and seven tax-related proceedings. Its subsidiaries are facing an additional criminal case and three tax proceedings involving claims worth Rs 2.34 crore.

Separately, a criminal case filed in 2022 names Shiprocket co-founders Saahil Goel and Gautam

Kapoor, director Arjun Sethi and Chief Financial Officer Kumar Tanmay.

The case includes allegations of cheating, criminal breach of trust, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

The matter remains pending before the courts.

The e-commerce logistics and enablement platform's DRHP showed that the company reported a net loss of Rs 79.2 crore in FY26, slightly higher than the Rs 74.4 crore loss recorded in FY25. However, the figure marks a substantial improvement from the Rs 595.1 crore loss posted in FY24. The company's revenue growth has remained robust. Revenue from operations rose 24 per cent year-on-year to Rs 2,024.1 crore in FY26.



Adani Electricity gears up to safeguard 3.15 million Mumbai customers from potential monsoon disruptions

Mumbai, Aug 19 : Adani Electricity has proactively escalated its disaster management readiness in preparation for the monsoon season, aiming to safeguard its 3.15 million customers from potential disruptions, it was announced on Wednesday. To address any emergencies that may arise during the monsoon.

State-run FutureSkills PRIME portal registers 34 lakh users for emerging tech skills

New Delhi, Aug 19 : FutureSkills PRIME, the skilling platform run by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has registered over 34 lakh candidates and certified over 13 lakh in emerging technologies, an official statement said on Wednesday. Currently, the FSP portal hosts more than 500 courses which are industry aligned and various Global OEM partners are collaborating as part of the FSP ecosystem, Union Minister of Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said in Lok Sabha. More than 23 lakh candidates have enrolled or been trained through the portal, of whom 13 lakh plus have completed certification. Nearly 41 per cent of participants are women and over 86 per cent come from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. The statement added that 22 C-DAC or NIELIT centres have been designated



as Lead and Co-Lead Resource Centres for 10 emerging technologies and they are mandated to train the Government officials and conduct the bootcamps. Resource Centres have trained over 32,700 government officials, 2,367 trainers and more than 40,400 candidates across over 420 bootcamps.



Australia must triple electricity generation and storage capacity by 2050: Report

Canberra, Aug 19 : Australia's total electricity generation and storage capacity will need to triple by 2050 in order to keep up with demand, according to a report published by the energy market operator on Wednesday. The Australian Energy Market Operator on Wednesday released the draft version of the 2026 Integrated System Plan (ISP), projecting that total electricity generation

and storage capacity will need to increase from 92 gigawatts (GW) currently to 190 GW by 2035 and 297 GW by 2050. The ISP, a roadmap for the least-cost and efficient development of the National Electricity Market that is updated every two years, projected that grid-scale wind and solar generation capacity will increase fivefold from 23 GW currently to 120 GW in 2050, reports Xinhua news agency. In the same time frame, electricity storage capacity, including batteries, virtual power plants.



Nil GST on life, health insurance to boost affordability, consumption

New Delhi, Aug 19 : The GST rationalisation on life and health insurance premiums will significantly improve affordability, strengthen penetration and provide a boost to consumption

ahead of the festive season, experts said on Wednesday. The move comes as part of the broader GST rationalisation, which merged the 12 per cent slab.



RBI regulatory reset could unlock \$50 billion in capital

New Delhi, Aug 19 : India's banking sector could attract nearly \$50 billion due to the Reserve Bank of India's recent liquidity measures and regulatory changes, potentially strengthening capital buffers and liquidity, a report said on Wednesday.

The report from consulting company Uniquis Consultech said banks have already mobilised \$36.7 billion under the RBI's FCNR(B) deposit scheme and industry estimates suggest inflows could approach \$50 billion before the special window closes. "Indian banks are entering a new phase of regulatory transformation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) advancing reforms across liquidity, credit risk, capital adequacy, customer conduct, and artificial intelligence governance," the report said. The agency said the FCNR(B) swap facility and the temporary removal of NRI deposit rate ceilings have made foreign currency deposits more attractive by reducing hedging costs and enabling banks to offer materially higher rates.



Alkem Laboratories' Q1 net profit falls 22 pc to Rs 520 crore

Mumbai, Aug 19 : Alkem Laboratories on Wednesday reported a 21.7 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in consolidated net profit for the first quarter of current financial year (Q1 FY27). The drugmaker posted a net profit of Rs 520 crore in Q1 FY27, compared with Rs 664 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations rose 10.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 3,740 crore from Rs 3,371 crore a year earlier. Growth was driven by both domestic and international businesses. India sales increased 10.3 per cent to Rs 2,497.8 crore, while international sales climbed 16 per cent to Rs 1,222.3 crore. At the operating level, Alkem reported healthy performance during the quarter. EBITDA rose 16.2 per cent year-on-year to Rs 766.6 crore from Rs 660 crore in the year-ago period. EBITDA margin improved to 20.5 per cent from 19.6 per cent, as per its regulatory filing. However, the company's tax expense surged to Rs 251 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 103 crore in the corre-

sponding period last financial year, weighing on bottom-line growth. Commenting on the results, Managing Director Sandeep Singh said Alkem had begun FY27 on a steady note, supported by healthy growth in both its India and international businesses. "We have started FY27 on a steady note, with healthy growth across our India and international businesses. Our India business continued to outperform the market, while the strong growth in our non-US international markets was encouraging," he said. "At the same time, there are areas where we need to improve, particularly in strengthening execution, addressing operational and regulatory priorities, and improving the consistency of performance across our businesses," Singh added.

Chips to Startups programme train over 68,000 students to boost design ecosystem

New Delhi, Aug 19 : More than 68,000 students have been trained under the Chips to Startups (C2S) programme so far, to strengthen India's semiconductor design ecosystem, according to the government.



Govt likely plans 3-year PUC validity for new BS-VI vehicles

New Delhi, Aug 19 : The Centre is reportedly considering a major relaxation in the renewal norms for Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUC) for Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) vehicles, a move aimed at reducing compliance burdens on owners of newer, cleaner vehicles. According to a NDTV report, the proposal seeks to extend the validity of PUC for new BS-VI private vehicles from the current one year to three years.

Assam drew investment proposals worth Rs 5 lakh-cr over past decade: Dilip Saikia

Guwahati, Aug 19 : Assam has emerged as one of the country's fastest-transforming economies, attracting investment proposals worth over Rs 5 lakh crore and positioning itself as a major destination for industry and innovation, state BJP chief and Lok Sabha MP Dilip Saikia said on Wednesday during a pre-Budget consultation organised by the party. Addressing the consultation at-

tended by economists, academicians, entrepreneurs and industry representatives, Saikia said the state's economy has witnessed an "extraordinary transformation" between 2014-15 and 2024-25 under the leadership of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. He said Assam's development trajectory reflects a decade of sustained growth, improved governance and expanding economic

opportunities, adding that the state's progress is contributing significantly to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India. Saikia asserted that Assam is steadily moving towards becoming one of the country's leading states and credited the government with addressing long-standing developmental challenges while creating an enabling environment for

investment and economic expansion. Delivering the keynote address, state Finance Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah said the state government was committed to preparing a pragmatic, people-centric and growth-oriented Budget and welcomed suggestions from stakeholders across sectors. He noted that the implementation of budgetary allocations has improved substantially, with the execution rate touching nearly 90 per cent, and said the government aims to ensure the full and effective utilisation of public expenditure. Mallabaruah said Assam today enjoys unprec-



edented attention from the Centre and highlighted PM Modi's frequent visits to the state as evidence of its growing strategic importance.

Punjab-Haryana water dispute: HC warns against treating states like enemy nations

Chandigarh, Aug 19 : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday took exception to the ongoing water dispute between Punjab and Haryana, saying while India has to decide to take measures against Pakistan, the states within the country should not be doing the same against each other. A Division Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel was hearing a plea moved by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) seeking inter-

vention against the alleged takeover of the Nangal dam by Punjab and obstruction of the release of water to Haryana. "We are doing this to our enemy country. Let us not do this within our states," Chief Justice Nagu remarked. "The downstream states are going to go dry," Senior Advocate Rajesh Garg informed the Bench on behalf of BBMB while objecting to the deployment of police personnel by Punjab at the dam. However, the Punjab government argued that law and order are the prerogative of the state. "Law and order is the state's subject. BBMB cannot say what police should do, or whether police would be deployed.



Lokayukta raids premises of Indore municipal officer in disproportionate assets case

Indore, Aug 19 : The Madhya Pradesh Lokayukta on Wednesday conducted searches at the residence and properties linked to an Assistant Revenue Officer (ARO) of the Indore Municipal Corporation after a preliminary investigation found assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, said an official. The searches were carried out at the residence of ARO Jitendra Kumar Pandey and a hostel registered in the name of his wife, Bhavna Pandey, from around 7 a.m. Two Lokayukta teams were deployed for the searches. The teams were led by DSPs Sunil Talan and Anand Chauhan and Inspectors Ashutosh Mithas and Sachin Pateriya. According to Lokayukta SP Rajesh Sahayak, Pandey has been working with the Indore Municipal Corporation for around 31 years and his total salary income during his service period is estimated at nearly Rs 80 lakh. However, the preliminary investigation has indicated expenditure and assets worth around Rs 2.53 crore. This has resulted in an alleged disproportionate asset value of approximately Rs 1.73 crore.

Five underpasses to be built along Metro route in Gurugram

Gurugram, Aug 19 : In the second phase of the Old Gurugram Metro project, five underpasses will be constructed in the city by the Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL), officials said on Wednesday. The detailed project report (DPR) of the underpasses will now be prepared by GMRL. The underpasses are to be built at Sector-3A/4/5 Chowk near Railway Road along Sector-5 junction to Sheetla Mata Road (one-way), Bajghera Road, along Sector-5 (one way) to Krishna Chowk, Rejangla Chowk, Palam Vihar Road to Udyog Vihar to Old Delhi Road, and Palam Vihar Road Junction. "The estimated cost of construction of all five underpasses is around Rs 350 crore. With their construction, the old city will get relief from traffic jams. At the same time, the flyover at Umang Bhardwaj Chowk is to be constructed by NHAI," an official said. Steps are being taken by GMRL to construct a 28.5-km Metro from Millennium City Centre to Cyber City. In the first phase, a tender of Rs 1,286 crore has been issued for civil work from Millennium City Centre to Sector-9. In the first phase, the construction work of the Bakhtawar Chowk underpass will be done by GMRL; earlier, it was built by the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA). This work will now be done along with the Metro at a cost of about Rs 80.45 crore.



MP: BJP defends CM Yadav as Congress escalates land deal allegations

Bhopal, Aug 19 : Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Madhya Pradesh Minister Rakesh Singh on Wednesday said there should be no objection to an investigation into allegations related to assets or land transac-

tions if there is evidence of wrongdoing. His remarks came amid an intensifying political row over alleged land purchases involving Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and his family members and relatives.

UP: Rashtriya Prerna Sthal nears completion, international convention centre takes shape



Lucknow, Aug 19 : Marking a significant milestone in the state government's endeavour to celebrate the national icons and heroes, the Rashtriya Prerna Sthal is heading towards completion and is expected to be inaugurated soon. The Rashtriya Prerna Sthal, dedicated to the nation's rich historical and cultural legacy, is more than 90 per cent complete. Built in the shape of a lotus under the Basant Kunj project, the inspirational site features 63-foot-tall statues of national icons such as Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Deendayal Upadhyay, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Prerna Sthal, being developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Planning, is being given final touches. Once completed, the site will be opened to the public as a centre of inspiration, showcasing exhibits on the freedom movement, cultural values, and national pride. Along with this, the International Exhibition and Convention Centre is also fast taking shape, giving a unique global identity to the state capital.

Industry body calls for market diversification, stronger exports amid global trade headwinds

Ahmedabad, Aug 19 : Gujarat's next phase of industrial growth will depend on improving export competitiveness, scaling up MSMEs, developing future-ready skills and attracting investment in advanced manufacturing, according to CII Western Region chairman Vir S Advani, who said the industry body is working closely with governments at both the central and state levels on reforms. Speaking at a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) media roundtable in Ahmedabad, Advani said the Indian industry had faced a difficult period because of high inflation and rising import costs, while uncertainty over US tariffs was adding to pressure on exporters. He said CII is nevertheless more optimistic about the India-US situation than it had been earlier in the year. "This 100 per cent tariff is the big elephant. That's what's concerning everyone," Advani said, adding that there is now "very heavy bilateral conversation and communication" between India and the US. He said CII expected the issue to be negoti-



ated and hoped India would eventually secure a position favourable compared with its competitors. Advani said the tariff uncertainty had also highlighted the need for Indian companies to reduce their dependence on the US market by diversifying both their export destinations and product baskets. "We only export such few products and only to such few countries. So diversification is the most important thing," he said, pointing to the UK, European Union and Australia as markets that Indian companies should examine more closely. He said CII is working with the Ministry of Commerce on a product and country-level approach following the signing of free trade agreements, identifying opportunities down to the six-digit HSN code level.

Haryana CM reviews progress of 8 Namo Bharat corridor projects in NCR

Chandigarh, Aug 19 : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, on Wednesday, reviewed the progress of eight Namo Bharat corridor projects in the National Capital Region (NCR) under which three corridors are currently under implementation in first phase, officials said. These are Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut (82 km), Delhi-Gurugram-Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror (SNB) (105 km) and Delhi-Panipat-Karnal (136 km) routes. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised the transformative potential of the Namo Bharat corridors.



Indian economist wins University of Chicago's alumni honour

Washington, Aug 19 : Indian economist Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian has received the University of Chicago's Alumni Award for Professional Achievement. He is the first Indian economist to receive the honour in the award's 85-year history. Subramanian served as Chief Economic Adviser to the Government. He later represented India at the International Monetary Fund as Executive Director. The award places him among a group of past recipients that includes Nobel laureates and global thought leaders such as Paul Samuelson, Gary Becker, Claudia Goldin, Carl Sagan and Philip Kotler. The University cited Subramanian's work on India's Economic Surveys during his time in government. The citation described the reports as "landmark" documents. It said they provided "the intellectual foundation for India's approach to self-reliance, anchored in competitive markets, policy autonomy, and inclusive growth." The citation also referred to his early analysis of the COVID-19 economic shock. It said his diagnosis of the crisis as a supply-side disruption and his public articulation of a V-shaped recovery "helped anchor confidence in India's economic resilience." Subramanian wrote three Economic Surveys during his tenure as Chief Economic Adviser. The surveys examined economic reforms, public investment and long-term growth strategy. They were published at a time when global economies faced deep uncertainty during the pandemic. The University noted that much of the work recognised by the award was carried out in India. It also said the work focused on policy challenges faced by large emerging economies. Subramanian later served at the International Monetary Fund as India's Executive Director. In that role, he engaged on economic issues affecting South Asia and emerging markets. The period also saw global debates on supply chains, debt stress in developing economies and the future of globalisation.



Responding to the recognition, Subramanian said: "To be included in this academic lineage is profoundly humbling. What makes it meaningful is that this is recognition for work done from India and for India. To follow, in my modest way, the inspiring footsteps of Indians who did their finest work based in India -- from C. V. Raman and Homi J. Bhabha to Vikram Sarabhai and M. S. Swaminathan -- is a genuine privilege." Subramanian currently serves as Professor of Finance at the Indian School of Business. He holds a PhD from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He also earned a B.Tech from IIT Kanpur and an MBA from IIM Calcutta. With this recognition, Subramanian has received distinguished alumnus honours from all three of his alma maters -- IIT Kanpur, IIM Calcutta and the University of Chicago. India has emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies in recent years. Policymakers have emphasised structural reforms, digital public infrastructure and supply-chain diversification to strengthen growth.

Thailand-Cambodia border clash displaces thousands, Singapore urges restraint

Bangkok/Phnom Penh, Aug 19 : Thai Defence Ministry spokesperson Surasant Kongsiri said Wednesday that the ongoing border clashes with Cambodia had forced over 400,000 Thai residents across seven provinces to evacuate. Thailand's 2nd Army Area Command stated on social media that, beginning at 5:00 a.m. local time Wednesday, exchanges of fire occurred in multiple areas along the border in Buriram, Surin, Sisaket and Ubon Ratchathani provinces, with no casualties reported so far, reports Xinhua news agency. The statement added that at around 8:40 a.m. local time, BM-21 rockets fired from the

Cambodian side landed near a hospital in Surin province, prompting the evacuation of patients and staff to shelters. According to Thai media, fresh border clashes between Thailand and Cambodia have forced over 800 schools and many hospitals to temporarily close in Thailand's border provinces. The Cambodia-Thailand border conflict has reignited since Sunday afternoon. Both sides accused the other of initiating the attack and confirmed casualties. Meanwhile, a Cambodian defence spokesperson said on Wednesday that over 100,000 Cambodian villagers have fled their homes for safe zones as border conflict with Thailand has entered a fourth day.



India amps up Connect Central Asia policy with key focus on Chabahar Port amid swaying diplomatic dynamics

New Delhi, Aug 19 : The recent times witnessed a notable recalibration of diplomatic ties among nations. On the one hand, Washington's revised trade tariff has initiated a realignment of nations. On the other hand, Beijing's growing caution in Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) funding reflects its concerns over debt sustainability and security in frontier regions. Beijing's sudden withdrawal from a flagship component of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) signals a more restrained foreign investment stance. Delays, security threats to Chinese personnel, and Islamabad's repayment difficulties have tested Beijing's risk tolerance.



US expresses support for Japan's sovereignty over Northern Territories

Tokyo, Aug 19 : The United States expressed support for Japan's sovereignty over the Northern Territories stating that US-Japan Alliance is dedicated to cultivating prosperity across the Indo-Pacific. In a statement on X, US Ambassador to Japan George Edward Glass stated, "The United States

remains unwavering in its support of its most important ally and in its recognition of Japanese sovereignty over the Northern Territories. At a time when the US-Japan Alliance is dedicated to cultivating prosperity across the Indo-Pacific, we strongly oppose any action that undermines its peace

and stability." Glass made the statement in response to a post shared by Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, where she objected to Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to Iturup Island.



Man shot dead in Melbourne Central Business District

Sydney, Aug 19 : A man has died after being shot in Australia's Melbourne in the early hours of Wednesday, police said. According to police, the 26-year-old victim was standing with a group of associates on a corner in the central business district when he was shot by an unknown assailant in a vehicle around 3.40 a.m., Xinhua News Agency reported. He was taken to a hospital by his associates, but died from his injuries a short time later. Addressing a press conference, Detective Inspector Graham Banks said that the incident.

Rajnath Singh meets Army contingent which won 16 medals at Glasgow CWG

New Delhi, Aug 19 : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday interacted with the members of the Indian Army contingent, which bagged 16 medals -- eight Gold, seven Silver and one Bronze -- at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. Of the total 39 medals -- 13 Gold, 17 Silver and nine Bronze -- clinched by India during the Games, the Indian Defence Forces personnel claimed 18 medals (16 by Indian Army and two by Indian Navy). In his address, Rajnath Singh commended the strong will power and firm conviction of the Indian Defence Forces for overcoming physical and mental pressure and making the nation proud at an international sporting event. Terming the achievement as "extraordinary", the Defence Minister asserted that these sportspersons are a source of inspiration to the people, particularly the youth,

as they are a "perfect blend of a soldier and a champion". On women pugilists securing four of the six Gold medals in Boxing, Rajnath Singh said that the feat is a testimony to India's growing Nari Shakti. The achievement will motivate more girls to pursue the sport and join the defence forces, he added. The Defence Minister acknowledged the fact that Indian champions are emerging from every corner of the country, highlighting that today the field of sports has been democratised, and it is no longer the exclusive privilege of a select few. He extended his best wishes to the athletes for upcoming events such as the Asian Games and the Olympics. Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth and other senior Indian Army officials attended the event at Kartavya Bhavan in New Delhi.



SC quashes FIRs against Samay Raina, four others over remarks on Persons with Disabilities

New Delhi, Aug 19 : The Supreme Court on Wednesday quashed the FIRs registered against YouTuber and comedian Samay Raina and four other comedians in connection with offensive remarks made about Persons with Disabilities during an episode of the show 'India's Got Latent'. A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohan passed the order, noting that the comedians had complied with the court's earlier directions by undertaking awareness initiatives and fundraising activities for Persons with Disabilities. Apart from Raina, the relief was granted to comedians Vipul Goyal, Balraj Paramjeet Singh Ghai, Sonali Thakkar alias Sonali Aditya Desai, and Nishant Jagdish Tanwar. The court appreciated their efforts in organising programmes aimed at promoting awareness and supporting persons with disabilities. In view of their compliance with the directions issued earlier, the Bench ordered the quashing of the criminal cases lodged against them over the insensitive remarks.

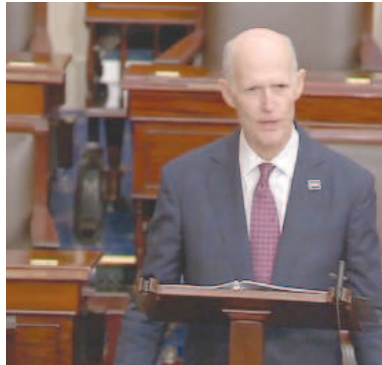


US lawmakers push Atrocities Determination Act to probe China's action in Tibet

Washington, Aug 19 : Two top US senators have introduced legislation requiring the State Department to determine whether China's actions in Tibet amount to genocide or crimes against humanity, stepping up pressure on Beijing over its policies in the region. Republican Senator Rick Scott and Democratic Senator Jeff Merkley unveiled the "Tibet Atrocities Determination Act", coinciding with Martyr's Day, observed by the Tibetan Youth Congress to honour Tibetans who have died for the region's freedom. The bill directs the Secretary of State to make a formal determination within one year on whether acts carried out by Chinese authorities meet the legal definition of genocide or constitute crimes against humanity. Scott accused Beijing of widespread abuses. "Communist China is committing genocide in Tibet. There is no way around it," he said. He cited "systematic killings, torture, forced sterilisation, forced displacement, government-sanctioned kidnapping, and a myriad of other crimes against humanity in its oppression of the Tibetan people." The Senator from Florida said such actions were consistent with broader repression by the Chinese government, including against Uyghurs and other groups. "The bloodshed needs to end, and China needs to be held accountable for all of it," Scott said. Merkley said the United States must respond to what he described as escalating violations.

US Senators raise questions over Pakistan's involvement in Iran talks

Washington, Aug 19 : Two US Senators, both from the Republican Party, have raised questions over the involvement of Qatar and Pakistan as intermediaries in the ceasefire negotiations with Iran, accusing both nations of supporting terrorism. Senator Rick Scot accused Qatar and Pakistan of harbouring terrorists and mentioned that recent developments made clear that "who our friends really are".





BJP challenges Karnataka govt to ban RSS activities in state

Bengaluru, Aug 19 : A day after the Cabinet approved the Karnataka Regulation of Use of Government Premises and Public Property Bill, 2026, aimed at regulating the use of government premises and public property by private individuals, organisations, associations, societies and other entities, BJP State President and MLA, B.Y. Vijayendra on Wednesday accused the state government of attempting to curb the activities of the RSS. He challenged Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister Priyank Kharge to ban the organisation if they had the courage to do so. Reacting to claims that the government was considering measures such as making prior permis-

sion mandatory for public meetings to restrict RSS activities, Vijayendra alleged the intention behind the government's moves was clear even though the Chief Minister and Home Minister had not directly named the organisation. "Earlier, the Chief Minister had referred to the RSS prayer in the Assembly, and his stand has now become clear," Vijayendra said. He challenged the Chief Minister to "try banning the RSS if he has the courage" and demanded that the government clarify what anti-national activities the organisation had undertaken. Vijayendra also criticised Home Minister Priyank Kharge for repeatedly targeting the RSS instead of focussing on his responsibili-

ties as Home Minister. "If the Home Minister is so interested in the RSS, he should resign from the Home Minister's post and take charge of a department dedicated to opposing the RSS," Vijayendra said sarcastically. Vijayendra defended the RSS, describing it as an organisation that has completed a century and has worked to promote patriotism, nationalism and a spirit of service. He urged the government to reconsider its position and said it should learn from history. Vijayendra pointed out that the RSS had been banned during the tenures of late Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, but had subsequently grown stronger.



Assam Rifles seizes heroin valued at Rs 1.34 crore, arrests 3 alleged drug peddlers

Aizawl, Aug 19 : The Assam Rifles, in joint operations with other law enforcement agencies, seized heroin valued at more than Rs 1.34 crore in Mizoram and arrested three alleged drug peddlers in separate operations, officials said on Wednesday. A defence spokesman said that, acting on specific intelligence inputs, Assam Rifles personnel, in association with the Mizoram Police, carried out a targeted operation in the Zote area of Champhai district. During the operation, the joint team intercepted two individuals whose movements were found to be suspicious. A thorough search

led to the recovery of 141.42 grams of illegally procured heroin, a highly addictive narcotic substance, with an estimated international market value of approximately Rs 1.06 crore. The seized contraband and the two apprehended individuals were subsequently handed over to the Excise and Narcotics Department in Champhai for further investigation and necessary legal proceedings. In another operation, acting on specific intelligence inputs received from reliable sources regarding the movement of narcotics in the Bawngkawn area.



ACB raids ex-TN Minister EV Velu's properties in disproportionate assets case

Chennai, Aug 19 : The Tamil Nadu Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) on Wednesday conducted searches at multiple properties linked to former Public Works and Highways Minister E.V. Velu as part of an investigation into allegations of disproportionate assets and suspected irregularities in the award of government contracts during the previous DMK regime. Officials are carrying out simultaneous raids at Velu's residences and other premises in Chennai's Alwarpet and his home district of Tiruvannamalai. According to sources, the searches covered 13 locations associated with the senior DMK leader.

Gujarat ranks 3rd nationwide with 46.71 pc mobile phone recovery rate, surpassing national average

Gandhinagar, Aug 19 : Gujarat Police have achieved a mobile phone recovery rate well above the national average, ranking third among large states in the country, according to official data, in a development that underscores the growing use of technology to tackle telecom-related

crime. Over the past year, Gujarat Police recovered 53,564 stolen handsets, recording a recovery rate of 46.71 per cent compared with the national average of 32.6 per cent. Across India, a total of 50,48,516 mobile



phones have been blocked so far, of which 1,83,985 were blocked in Gujarat. The performance has been attributed to the coordinated efforts of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Gujarat Police, particularly through the effective use of the Central government's 'Sanchar Saathi' portal and the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR).



President Murmu inaugurates Amrit Udyan for public till Sept 15

New Delhi, Aug 19 : President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Amrit Udyan Summer Annuals Edition 2026 on Wednesday, throwing open the premier garden in the President's Estate to public from August 16 to September 15, an official said. During the Summer Annuals, the Amrit Udyan will remain open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the last entry at 5 p.m. The Udyan will remain closed on all Mondays for maintenance, an official statement said. Entry and exit for visitors will be from Gate No. 35, located near North Avenue Road. "Entry to Amrit Udyan will be free of cost. Visitors will have to book their entry slots online at visit.rashtrapatibhavan.gov.in advance," the statement said. Booking of slots for a particular day will close at 10 a.m. on the previous day. There will be no on-the-spot booking available. For the convenience of the visitors, drinking water stalls, first aid posts, rain shelter and

restrooms will be set up along the route of the visit, the statement added. A shuttle bus service will also be available from the Central Secretariat Metro Station to the entry point to the Amrit Udyan at an interval of every 30 minutes between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Earlier, the Amrit Udyan Winter Annuals Edition 2026 at Rashtrapati Bhavan was opened to public from February 3 to March 31, 2026. The usual designated visitor route includes Bal Vatika, Pulmeria Garden, Banyan Garden, Bonsai Garden, Babbling Brook, Central Lawn, Long Garden and Circular Garden. Apart from various varieties of flowers, visitors will be able to see the Babbling Brook, described as a water stream with cascades, and the Banyan Garden with reflexology paths. The visitors are permitted to carry mobile phones, electronic keys, purses or handbags, water bottles, and milk bottles for infants.

Gujarat: Convicted AAP MLA faces imminent disqualification, deepens party's troubles

Gandhinagar, Aug 19 : The conviction and seven-year jail sentence handed to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Chaitar Vasava has placed the party's Gujarat unit in a fresh political crisis, with legal experts and constitutional authorities indicating that the tribal leader now faces the prospect of losing his Assembly membership unless he secures timely relief from a higher court. A day after a Sessions Court in Narmada district convicted Vasava and eight others in a 2023 case involving the alleged assault, intimidation and obstruction of forest department personnel, attention has shifted from the verdict itself to its impact on the AAP's legislative strength in Gujarat and the legal process that could determine the future of the Dediapada legislator. The verdict marks another setback for the AAP in Gujarat, where the party won five seats in the 2022 Assembly elections but has since faced a series of organisational and political challenges.



Delhi CM Rekha Gupta hands over appointment letters to 1,368 teachers

New Delhi, Aug 19: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has handed over appointment letters to new teachers at a programme held at the Bharat Mandapam in the national capital, reiterating the state government's commitment to ensure bright future for all students. A total of 1,368 teachers received appointment letters in this phase, including 1,015 TGTs, 236 PGTs and 117 music teachers, on Wednesday. The Chief Minister said the occasion was not merely about handing over appointment letters, but about further strengthening the responsibility of ensuring better education for lakhs of children and their families in Delhi. "Delhi is a city of dreams for people who have come from different parts of the country, and every child studying in a Delhi government school is a child of Delhi," she added. Ensuring better education, health and a bright future for every such child remains the government's foremost commitment, she said. Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood, senior officials of the Directorate of Education and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Chief Minister Gupta said the addition of new teachers would mean better academic support, guidance and new opportunities for thousands of students studying in Delhi government schools. The recruitment drive is an impor-



tant step towards filling vacant posts in government schools and strengthening teaching capacity, she added. Education Minister Ashish Sood said the addition of 1,368 new teachers to Delhi's education family was not merely an increase in the number of appointments, but an important step towards strengthening the future of thousands of students. "Our goal is clear: wherever a teacher is needed, a teacher should be available; wherever a subject expert is required, there should be a specialist teacher; and every child in Delhi should have an equal opportunity to receive quality education," Minister Sood added.

Water dispute: Delhi BJP seeks LG's help to stop Punjab's 'injustice'

New Delhi, Aug 19 : On a day when Punjab and Haryana High Court took exception to the water dispute between Punjab and Haryana, the Delhi BJP met Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena and submitted a memorandum regarding the artificial water crisis allegedly being imposed on the people of Delhi by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of Bhagwant Singh Mann. Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and Delhi MPs Manoj Tiwari, Ramvir Singh



Bidhuri, Yogendra Chandolia, Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Praveen Khandelwal, and Bansuri Swaraj met the LG and sought immediate intervention to prevent the city's taps from going

dry due to reduced raw water supply coming to Delhi. The memorandum stated that the AAP government in Punjab has announced.



US lawmakers seek special ally status for Ecuador

Washington, Aug 19 : Five US lawmakers have urged Secretary of State Marco Rubio to designate Ecuador as a Major Non-NATO Ally, saying the move would strengthen security cooperation and help the country fight drug cartels and organised crime. Congressman Vern Buchanan joined a letter led by Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar and signed by lawmakers Carlos Giménez, Carol Miller and Greg Steube. They asked Rubio and the State Department to grant Ecuador the special status. "The United States must continue to strengthen partnerships with trusted allies in our own hemisphere," Buchanan said. "As Chairman of the House Democracy Partnership, I have seen firsthand Ecuador's commitment to combating organized crime, countering narcotics trafficking and advancing democratic institutions. Recognizing Ecuador as a Major Non-NATO Ally would

strengthen our strategic partnership, and I am proud to support this effort," he said. The lawmakers described Ecuador as being on the front lines of the fight against transnational drug trafficking. Criminal groups have exploited its Pacific coast as a major corridor for cocaine shipments bound for the United States and Europe, the letter said. It also pointed to record levels of violence linked to criminal organisations and the serious security challenges facing the South American nation. "The battle against the cartels does not stop at Ecuador's borders," Salazar said. "The United States has a strategic interest in helping democratic allies confront the criminal organizations that threaten our hemisphere. Designating Ecuador as a Major Non-NATO Ally would strengthen one of our closest security partners in the Western Hemisphere."

Trump blasts Powell over decision to stay on as Fed governor

Washington, Aug 19 : US President Donald Trump blasted Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell after the central bank chief said he would stay on as a governor. "Jerome 'Too Late' Powell wants to stay at the Fed because he can't get a job anywhere else -- Nobody wants him," Trump wrote on his Truth Social account on Wednesday (Local time), reports Xinhua. Earlier, Powell confirmed he will step down as chair on May 15 but plans to remain on the Federal Reserve Board as a governor for a period. He said recent developments influenced that decision. "These legal actions by the administration are unprecedented in our 113-year history," Powell said on Friday (local time).



Australia: Authorities investigating third runway incident at Sydney Airport

Sydney, Aug 19 : The head of Australia's transport safety investigator said on Wednesday that the agency is trying to understand why a safety incident involving two planes at Sydney Airport on Wednesday was reported late. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) said on Thursday night that it has commenced an investigation into a runway incursion incident on August 9 involving Qantas flight QF728 to Ayers Rock Airport in central Australia and Virgin Australia flight VA555 to Perth. A statement from the ATSB said that air traffic control cleared the Virgin Australia flight for a full-length runway take-off from Sydney around 10 am local time on Sunday. As the crew applied thrust, they observed the Qantas flight begin crossing the run-

way ahead of them, Xinhua News Agency reported. The Virgin Australia flight subsequently came to a stop before being re-cleared to commence take-off. ATSB Chief Commissioner Angus Mitchell told Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio on Friday that he was not notified about the incident until Thursday. "The two aircraft didn't come within, really, probably around a thousand meters of each other. But, notwithstanding that, it shouldn't have occurred," he said. "We're still trying to understand exactly what the delay in the reporting to us was." The ATSB said on Thursday that the Qantas crew involved in the incident on Sunday reported having received clearance to cross the runway.

US says Hormuz oil flows higher than tracked

Washington, Aug 19 : US Energy Secretary Chris Wright has said eight million to nine million barrels of oil are moving through the Strait of Hormuz each day, disputing estimates that suggested traffic through the vital waterway had fallen sharply during the conflict with Iran. Wright told Fox News that commercial tracking services were unable to present a complete picture because most vessels were travelling with their transponders switched off and under military escort. "We know every day exactly how many ships transit the strait of Hormeus in and out," Wright said in an interview with Bret Baier. "We know exactly what they're carrying." The secretary said US authorities were coordinating directly with vessels and receiving daily reports on traffic through northern and southern routes. Commercial tracking company Kpler had estimated that more than 100 vessels crossed the strait daily before the conflict. It recorded 14 crossings on Wednesday.



South Korean President Lee's disapproval rating tops approval rating for first time since inauguration: poll

Seoul, Aug 19 : South Korean President Lee Jae Myung's disapproval rating has surpassed his approval rating for the first time since he took office, a survey showed Wednesday, amid mounting criticism of his real estate policies. In a survey conducted by Gallup Korea from Tuesday through Thursday on

1,000 people aged 18 and older, 44 per cent positively assessed Lee's management of state affairs, down 7 percentage points from the previous survey released on July 24. The negative assessment jumped 8 percentage points to 46 per cent, exceeding positive assessment for the first time in a Gallup poll since Lee took office



in June 2025, Yonhap News Agency reported. Recent polls conducted by Realmeter and the National Barometer Survey also showed his approval rating fell to the lowest levels since his inauguration. In the Gallup poll, diplomacy was the most frequently cited reason for the positive evaluation at 19 per cent, followed by the economy and people's livelihoods at 15 per cent and overall performance at 8 per cent.

Pakistan and Bangladesh discuss 'regional stability'

Islamabad, Aug 19 : Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday dialled Bangladesh's Foreign Affairs Advisor Touhid Hossein, apprising him of the escalating tensions with India while sharing concerns about "regional stability and security". As per details, Dar shared Islamabad's case on the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, denying India's claims that led to unilateral actions on both sides, including the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). Touhid Hossein emphasised on the need to exercise patience and stressed on the urgency of de-escalating tensions.



India's global space market share likely to rise fivefold

Washington, Aug 19 : India's share of the global space market could rise fivefold within seven years as policy reforms and closer ties with the United States accelerate the growth of its private space industry, the US Department of Commerce has said. India currently accounts for less than 2 per cent of the global space market. But that share is forecast to reach 10 per cent within the next five to seven years, the department's International Trade Administration said in its August Aerospace and Defence Exporter Alert. "India's private sector space ecosystem is developing rapidly, and the Indian government's steps towards privatisation will create opportunities for international space companies as well," it said. The alert designated India's space sector as its "Market of the Month". It highlighted investment prospects for US companies in satellite systems, advanced spaceflight.

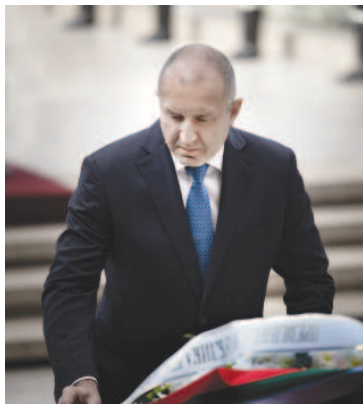


US wages 'psychological warfare' against Venezuela: FM Yvan Gil

Caracas, Aug 19 : The US government is waging "psychological warfare" against Venezuela following the failure of its economic sanctions, Venezuelan Foreign Affairs Minister Yvan Gil said. "They are now resorting to psychological warfare, to military psychological warfare," Gil said on Wednesday (local time) during the opening of the People's Assembly for Peace and Sovereignty of Our America, an event being held in Caracas. As part of its new strategy, he said, the United States is using "economic power, military power and, above all, media power to wage an unprecedented psychological war" against Venezuela and the region. We are facing "a very important challenge in the history of our republics in our region," Gil said, adding that more than 500 delegates from some 50 countries across all continents are participating in the gathering. The event, organised by the National Council for Sovereignty and Peace of Venezuela, will focus on key issues such as the US military threat, transnational crime in the region, and the Monroe Doctrine, a policy revived by Washington to "generate domination" in the region, said Gil.

Bulgarian President calls for sharp increase in defence investment

Sofia, Aug 19 : Bulgarian President Rumen Radev on Wednesday called for a boost to defence investment, in order to modernise the country's armed forces. Speaking at the traditional Army Day parade in the capital Sofia, Radev announced: "Today we finally said goodbye to the illusion that membership in defence alliances without developing our own defence capabilities is a sufficient condition for guaranteeing security." Bulgaria has been under the pressure from its obligations and commitments as a member of NATO, and its Armed Forces have been the focus of the country's financial policy, Radev said at the event.



Vietnam President hails growing spiritual and cultural ties with India

Hanoi, Aug 19 : Vietnam President Luong Cuong on Wednesday appreciated India's sending of Holy Buddha Relics to the country, a gesture which has further strengthened the strong spiritual and cultural ties between both countries. Cuong, accompanied by Union Minister of Parliamentary and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju paid respects to the Holy Buddha Relics brought from Sarnath near Kashi to Thanh Tam Pagoda located within the Vietnam Buddhist Academy in Binh Chanh District of Ho Chi Minh City.

Uncapped trio included as South Africa announce squad for historic T20Is against Zimbabwe

Johannesburg, Aug 19 : Young fast bowlers Caitlin Wyngaard, Nthabiseng Nini, and off-spinner Luyanda Nzuza have earned their maiden national call-ups to South Africa women's team for the historic, first-ever T20I series against Zimbabwe starting next month. Regular skipper Laura Wolvaardt will lead the side for the five-match series, scheduled to be played entirely at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo from September 11 to 19. With several senior stars away participating in global franchise leagues and domestic competitions, the

selectors have opted to test their bench strength and next generation players. The 15-member squad features a raft of players who missed out on the recently concluded ICC Women's T20 World Cup in England, including reigning domestic T20 Player of the Year Faye Tunnicliffe, who's included alongside Anneke Bosch, Ayanda Hlubi, Eliz-Mari Marx, Seshnie Naidu, Nondiso Shangase, and Miané Smit. Experience comes in the squad in the form of wicketkeeper-batters Sinolo Jafta and Karabo Meso.



1st Test: Suthar's ten-for helps India seal 165-run victory over Sri Lanka in Galle

Galle, Aug 19 : Powered by a scintillating spell of 6-55 from young left-arm spinner Manav Suthar, India sealed a commanding 165-run victory over Sri Lanka on day five of the opening Test at the Galle International Stadium on Wednesday. In only his second Test appearance, Suthar ripped through the opposition's batting order in the second innings to finish with match figures of 10-101, as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 206 in 77.4 overs, despite stiff resistance

from Dhananjaya de Silva and Sonal Dinusha, in what was also Galle's landmark 50th Test match. The emphatic win coming on a sluggish, low-bounce pitch gave India an early 1-0 lead in the two-match series and get 12 vital World Test Championship (WTC) points in what was their milestone 600th Test match, as Suthar ensured his second five-wicket haul in as many Tests and his first-ever ten-for had rendered the second new ball completely redundant. In the morning, resuming on a

pitch offering variable bounce, de Silva and Dinusha fought valiantly through the opening 90 minutes. After bringing up the fifty of their partnership, de Silva got his fifty by cutting Ravindra Jadeja through point for four, while Dinusha launched Kuldeep Yadav over deep midwicket for a maximum to reach his half-century in style. However, India broke the frustrating 95-run stand off 202 through Ravindra Jadeja.

BWF World C'ships : Satwik-Chirag move into Pre-QF after Scottish pair withdraws

New Delhi, Aug 19 : India's top men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's BWF World Championships campaign got underway without the fifth seeds having to step onto court, after Scotland's Alexander Dunn and Adam Pringle withdrew from their opening-round fixture at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on Wednesday. The Indian duo, who had been handed a first-round

bye, were due to make their first appearance at the home World Championships against the Scottish pair on Tuesday in what would have been India's last contest of the day. Their opponents' withdrawal, however, gave the Asian Games champions a walk-over and a place in the next round.



Shoriful eyes return as Bangladesh target historic series win in Australia

New Delhi, Aug 19 : Bangladesh pacer Shoriful Islam is ready to make his return to the playing XI for the second Test against Australia, saying he is 'always ready' as the visitors look to complete a historic series victory down under. Shoriful missed Bangladesh's memorable nine-wicket win in the opening Test in Darwin after being sidelined with a hamstring injury, but the left-arm pacer has recovered in time to be considered for the second match at the Great Barrier Reef Arena. "I am always ready. Let's see what is in my destiny, InshaAllah, and hopefully I can play the match."



Nick Kyrgios provisionally suspended after testing positive for cocaine

London, Aug 19 : The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has provisionally suspended Australian tennis player Nick Kyrgios under the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme after the 31-year-old tested positive for a metabolite of cocaine in June. Kyrgios provided a sample during an ATP 250 event in Mallorca, Spain, on June 22. On July 17, a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-accredited laboratory confirmed the presence of benzoylecgonine, a metabolite of cocaine. Cocaine is classified a stimulant and substance of abuse on the WADA Prohibited List and is banned in competition under the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme. Reduced sanctions apply for substances of abuse for athletes who test positive for the substance out of competition.



Italy strengthen 2027 WC hopes, reach Qualifier play-off

Dar es Salaam, Aug 19 : Italy strengthened their case for a place in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 after finishing top of Challenge League B with a convincing eight-wicket victory over Tanzania in Dar es Salaam. Italy entered the final matchday with their fate in their own hands and delivered a composed performance to finish their 15-match campaign as league leaders. Their triumph was further confirmed after Uganda suffered a final-over defeat to Bahrain, leaving Italy four points clear at the top. The result also moved Italy a step closer to their World Cup dream. Along with Uganda, they have qualified for the Cricket World Cup Qualifier Play-off, which will determine four places in the main World Cup Qualifier. The eight-team Qualifier Play-off will feature the top two teams from Challenge League A, the bottom four sides from Cricket World Cup League 2, Italy, and Uganda. Italy's progress has been particularly impressive after they began the final leg of the competition behind Uganda with five matchdays remaining. A victory over Uganda opened the door for a late surge, while Uganda's subsequent loss to Hong Kong further boosted Italy's chances.

The Italians made the most of the opportunity, finishing the final leg unbeaten before producing another strong display against Tanzania. Batting first after losing the toss, Tanzania made a promising start and reached 87/1 inside 15 overs. However, Italy's spinners turned the contest around as Rakibul Hasan, Akash Waduwale and Crishan Kalugamage combined to claim all 10 wickets for just 87 runs.

'Just go out there and show up' : Sindhu recalls Virat's advice during a tough phase

New Delhi, Aug 19 : PV Sindhu has revealed how Virat Kohli's simple advice during one of the toughest phases of her career helped change her perspective, with the Indian badminton star saying the Indian cricketer reminded her of the importance of simply turning up and trusting her preparation.

Sindhu, who is currently competing at the BWF World Championships in New Delhi, recalled her conversation with Kohli while speaking on the RCB podcast. The two-time Olympic medalist said she had approached Kohli at a time when she felt that 'nothing is happening', but his response was straightforward.

"He is like my brother, I must say, because I remember when I was at my lowest. I think I met him and I said, you know, nothing is happening. He just said, Just show up, it is okay, just go out there and just show up," Sindhu said. The advice struck a chord with Sindhu, who said Kohli encouraged her to focus on competing, rather than being consumed by the results.

"He asked me to show up, anywhere and for anything, and just play my game. What would happen? You are not going to lose anything; you know what you are, how you have trained, and show the world who you are. So I think it hit me, and I think that conversation completely changed my perspective," she added.

